
CLINK
LET'S EAT, SARAH.

MY LOVELY BABY!

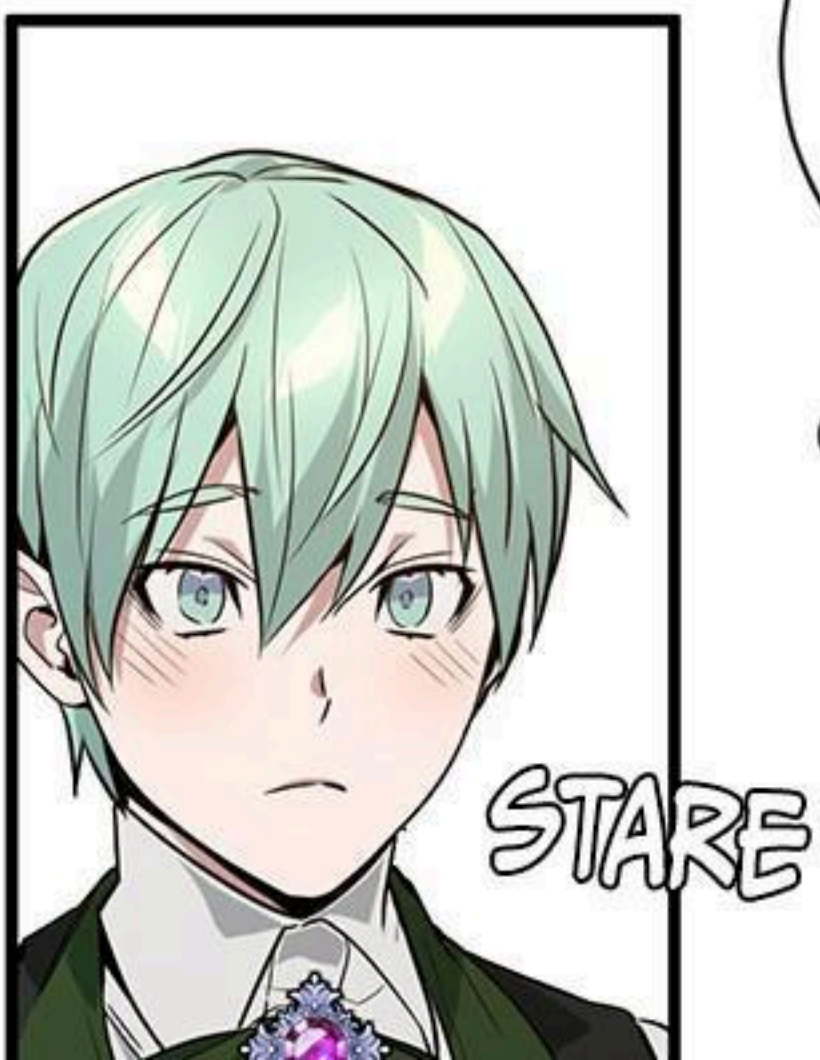
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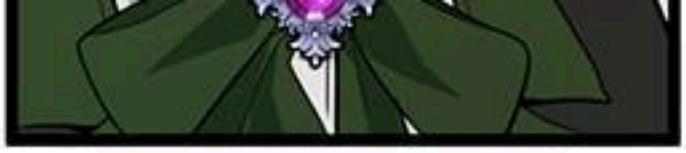
SOFT



THAT LOOKS VERY TEMPTING.

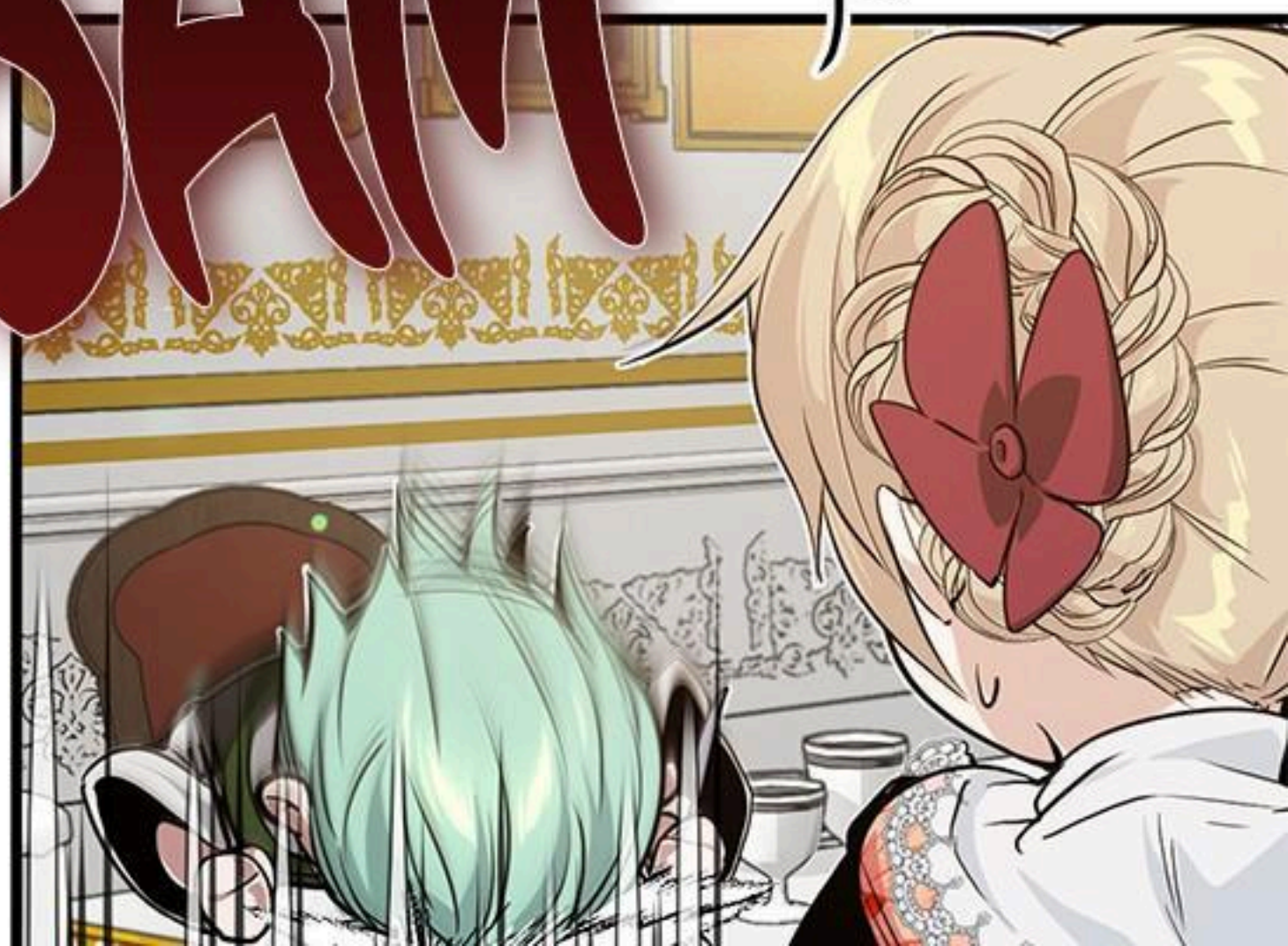
BABY CHEEKS ARE SO SOFT--





SOFT MY BUTTOCKS! WHAT AM I THINKING!

BAM




SIGH...
I MUST HAVE
GOTTEN TOO USED
TO THE PEACEFUL
LIFESTYLE...

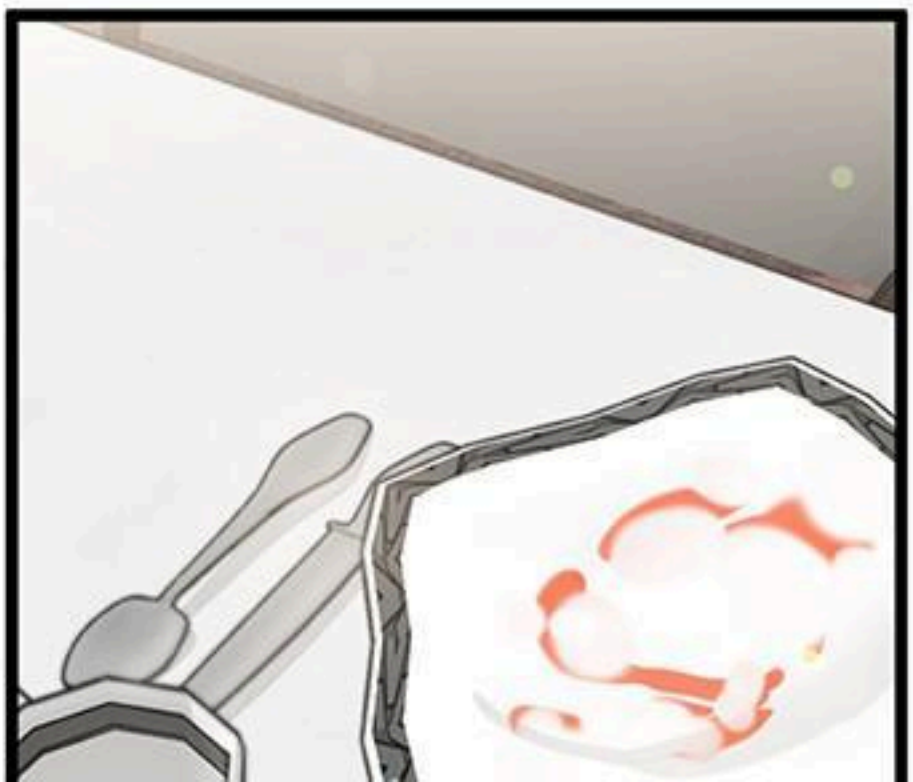
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A BREAKER OF PEACE



WAIT.
SO IT IS...
TOMORROW.

YES.
TIME FLIES,
DOESN'T IT?



IS SOMETHING GOING ON TOMORROW?

HUH? YOU DIDN'T TELL HIM ABOUT IT?

HMPH!
I COMPLETELY
FORGOT!

TURNS

MY LITTLE BOY HAD ME SO WORRIED THAT I COULDN'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE!

SHE MUST BE

TALKING ABOUT WHEN
I PRACTICED THE MANA
BREATHING TECHNIQUE
USING MY ENTIRE
BODY.

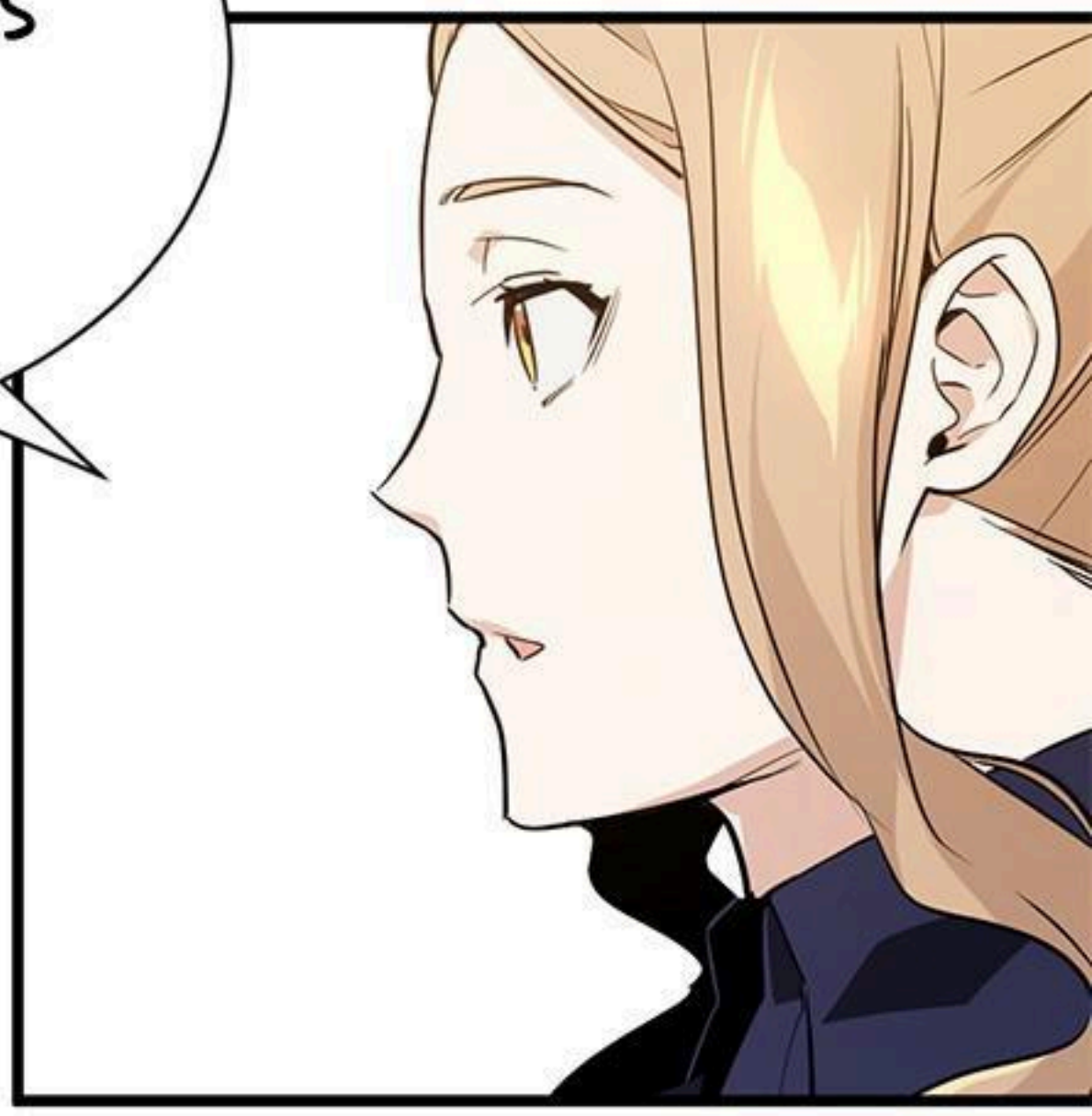
WAIT...

SHE NORMALLY
WOULD NOT TOLERATE
SUCH THINGS.





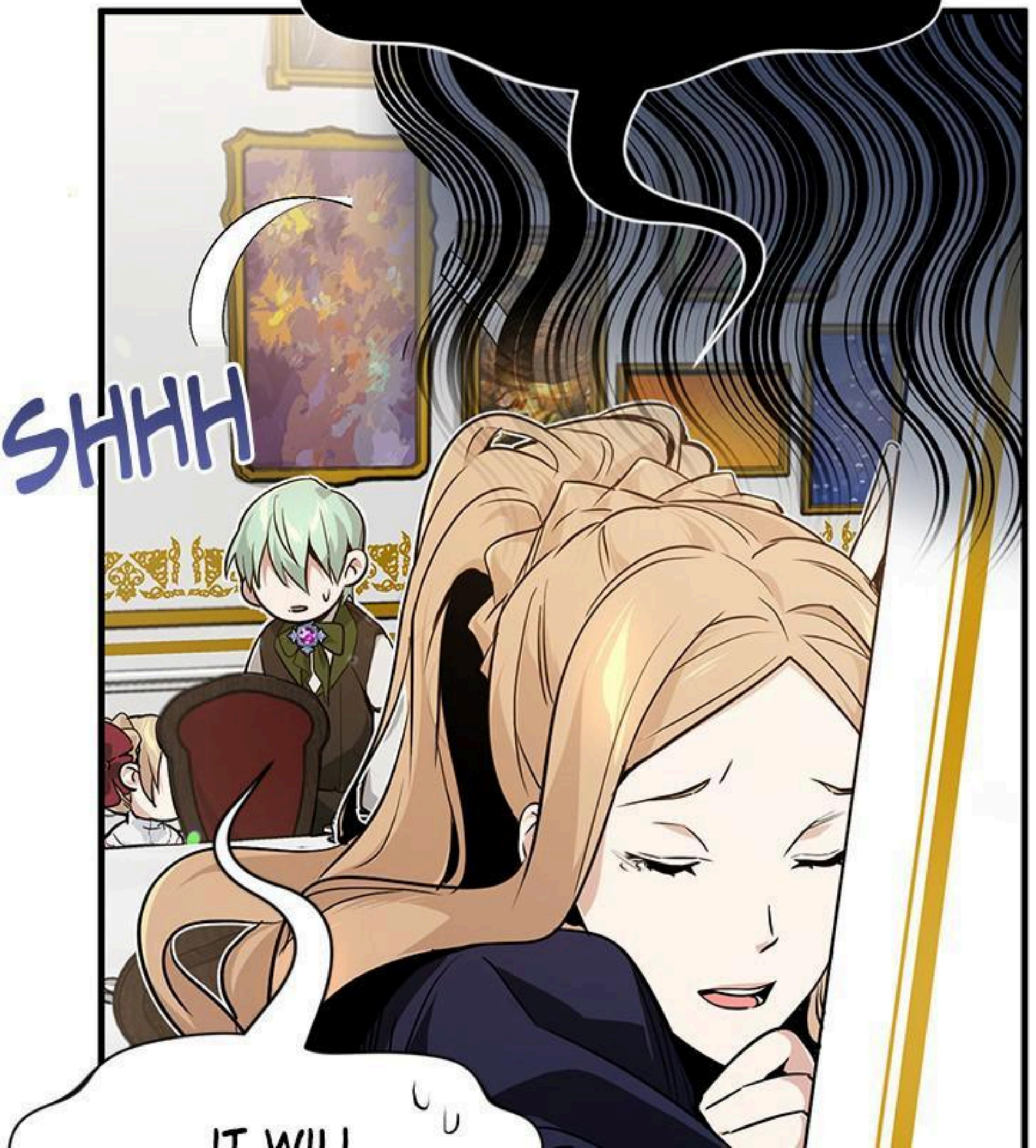
MOMMY IS
FINE AS LONG AS
YOU ARE SAFE
AND SOUND.



BUT IF YOU
OVERWORK YOURSELF
LIKE THAT DAY
AGAIN...



...MOMMY MIGHT
BE IN GRAVE DISTRESS
AND END UP CRYING
IN THE HALLWAY.



IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN...

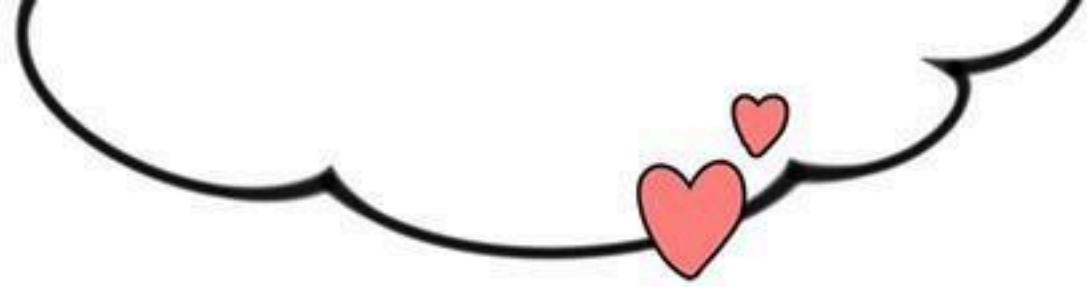


SO, WHAT'S HAPPENING TOMORROW?



HEHE.
WE ARE GOING
TO...

...THE BALL
TOMORROW!



A LARGE SCALE BALL
CO-HOSTED BY EARL SIMON
AND EARL WELTON.


MOST NOBLES BELONGING TO THE EASTERN PART OF THE KINGDOM OF SELDAM MUST ATTEND.

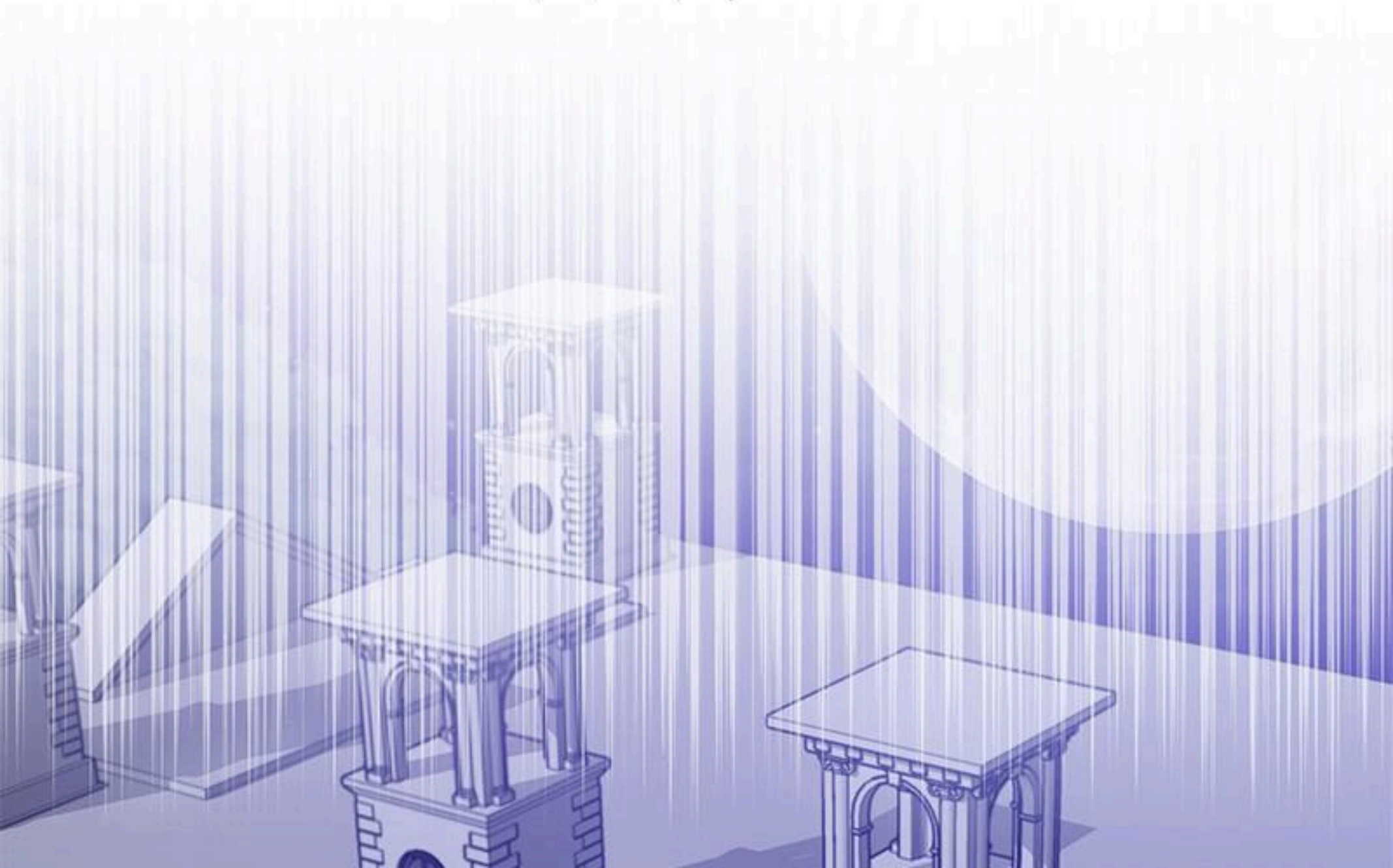
YOU TWO HAD NEVER BEEN THERE YET, BUT ARE OLD ENOUGH TO ATTEND NOW.

MOMMY IS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.



THAT MEANS...

...I WILL NOT
BE ABLE TO ENJOY MY
PRECIOUS ALONE
TIME!!






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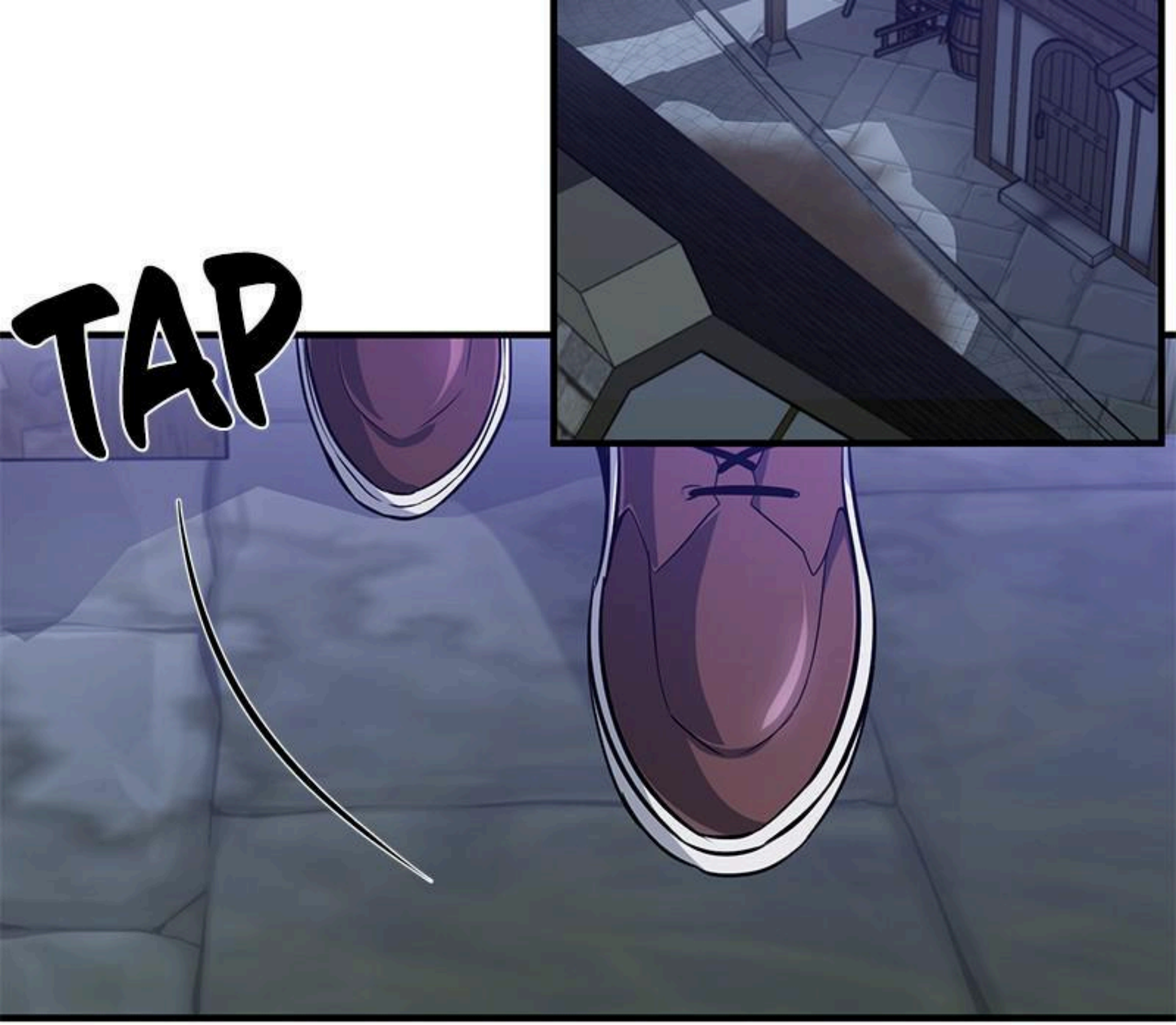


LET'S GO TALK TO THE TWO GRUNTS.

TAP

PEEP


SWOOSH


TAP


CREAK

RISE

MASTER!
YOU ARE HERE!

SWISH

YES.
ABOUT THE
TASK I GAVE
YOU?

SWISH

OUR APOLOGIES. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAITH IN ZENITH AS OF YET.



THEIR ORDER WAS ONLY VERY RECENTLY ESTABLISHED.



I ASSUMED IT
WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO
GATHER USEFUL INFORMATION
WITHIN A DAY, EVEN FOR
AN EXECUTIVE

OF REBAL.



VERY WELL.
WHAT ABOUT THE
OTHER TASK?

WE HAVE HIM
RIGHT HERE.

DA DUN



MMMPH...



WHAT THE...

THAT HAIR COLOR...
IT CAN'T BE...!

SHIVER

DID THE WELTON HOUSEHOLD FIND OUT?

HE IS ONE OF THE EXECUTIVES OF REBAL.

THIS SCUM KNEW OF HANNI'S PLAN TO MURDER US.

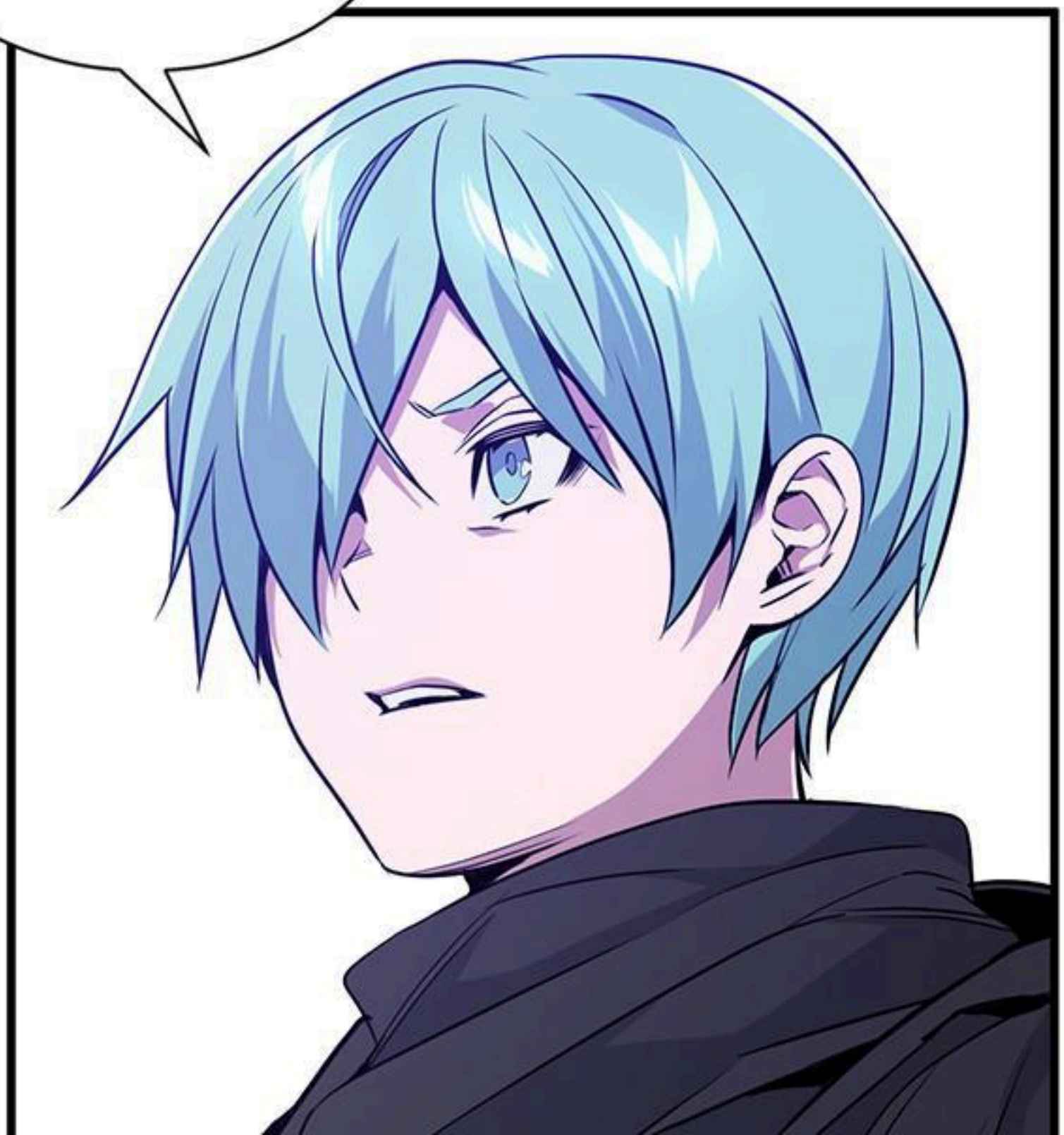


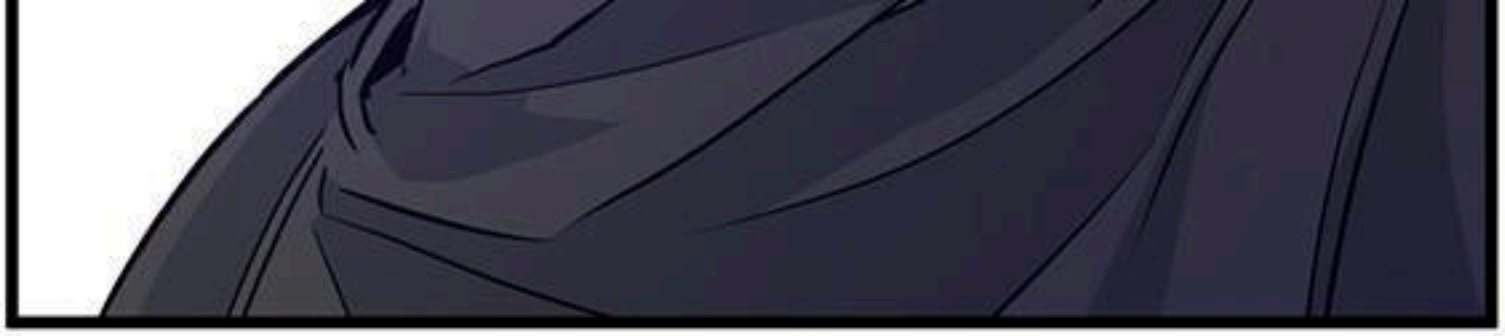

HE IS A
PERFECT INSIDER,
THEN.

BUT HE DIDN'T APPEAR TO KNOW ANYTHING WHEN WE ASKED.

I WILL BE THE JUDGE OF THAT.

UNGAG HIM.





COUGH



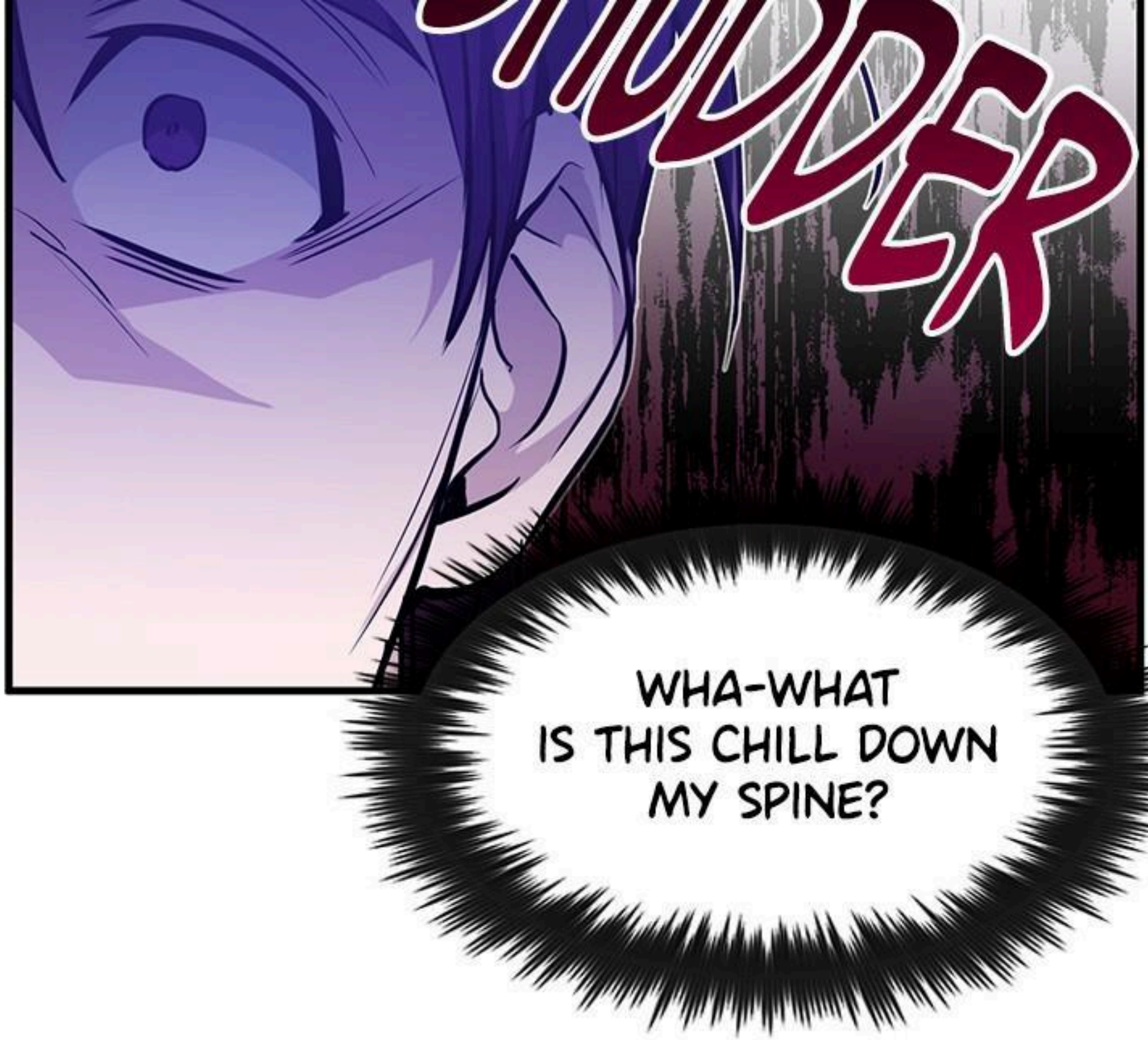


S-SPARE ME!
I REALLY DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING!

SHOUT

BUT IF YOU LET ME GO! I WILL DO ANYTHING I CAN TO GET YOU INFORMATION!

CHILD.


SHUDDER
WHA-WHAT IS THIS CHILL DOWN MY SPINE?

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF KILLING YOU.

JUST RUN THIS ONE SIMPLE ERRAND FOR ME.

SHHH

SHHH

I CAN FEEL AN ENDLESS AMOUNT OF OMINOUS ENERGY!

I WILL DO IT! ANYTHING YOU ASK, SIR!



I WILL FIND WHERE THE BOSS IS IF YOU ASK, SO JUST LET ME GO UNHARMED!


SHUT UP.

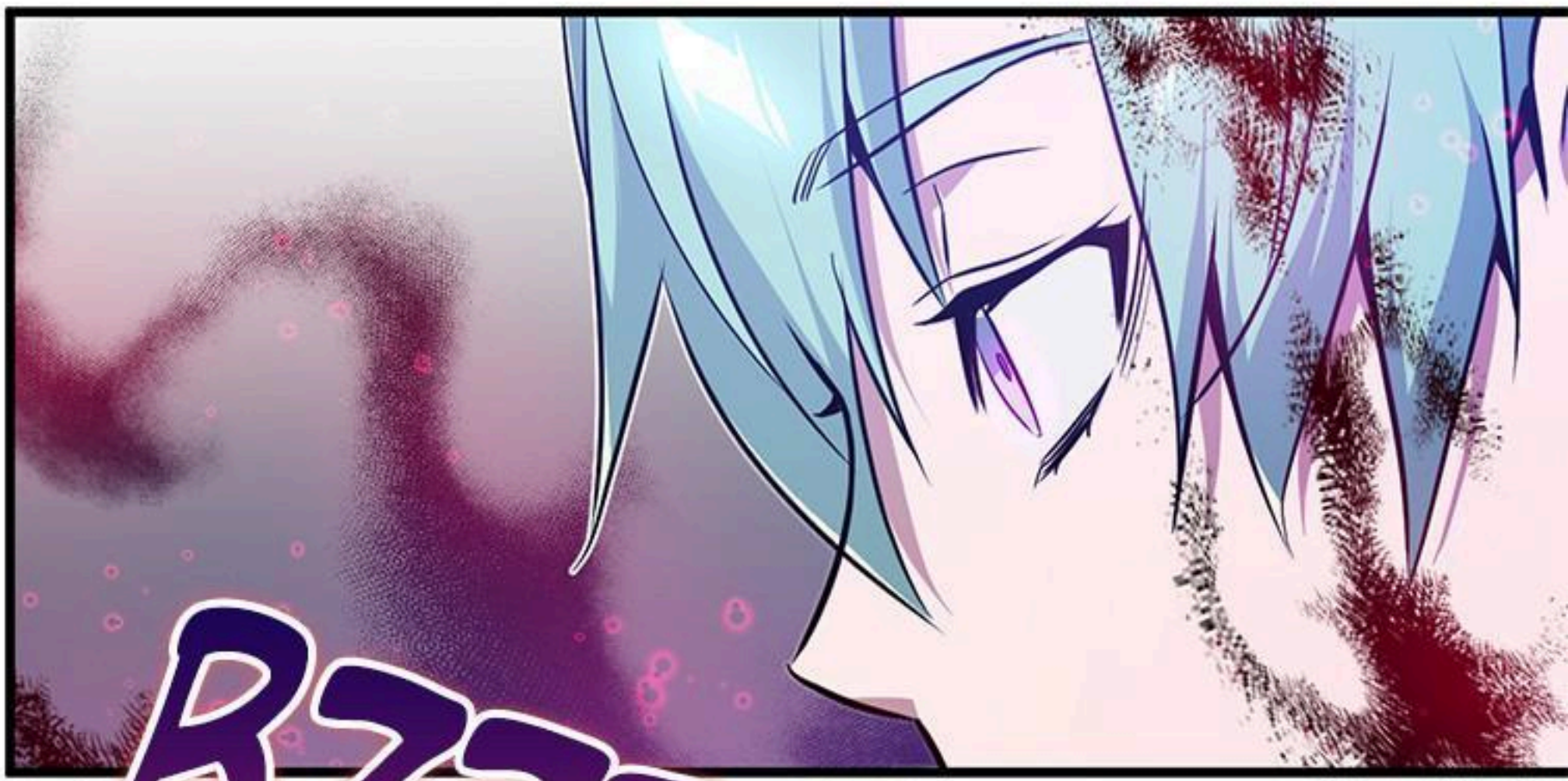
SHHH

THERE IS ONLY ONE THING YOU NEED TO DO.

UGH!
WHY CAN'T I
SPEAK ALL OF A
SUDDEN?

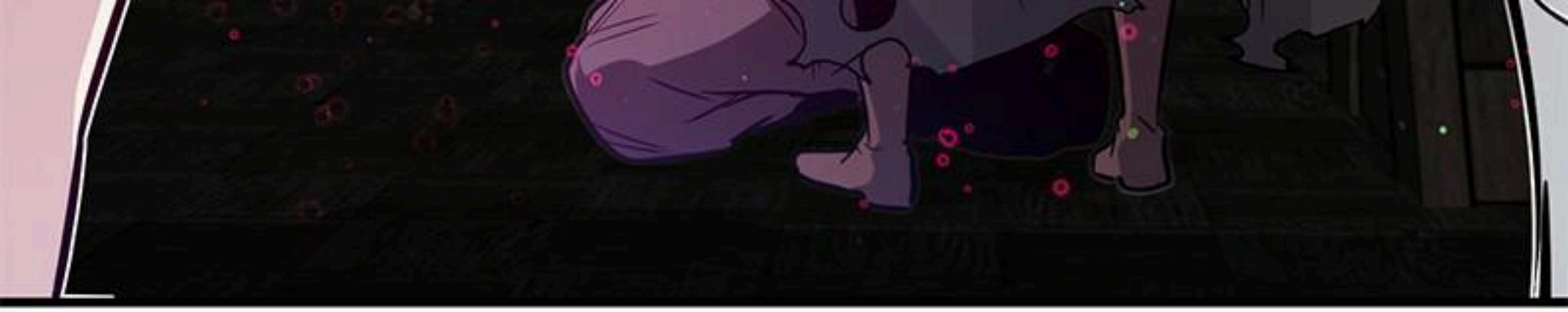
PSH




BZZT

HEAD TO THE
EARL HOUSEHOLD
AT ONCE AND REPORT THE
ACTIVITIES OF YOUR
ORGANIZATION.

PSH




WOBBLE
WOBBLE




...
STEP
STEP

...

DON'T EMPATHIZE WITH HIM. HE WON'T BE CHASED BY THE GANG.

NOT WHEN THE EARL WILL BE ANNIHILATING THEM, ANYWAYS.





YOU TWO. LEAVE THE CITY AND HIDE SOMEWHERE SAFE.



YES, SIR.

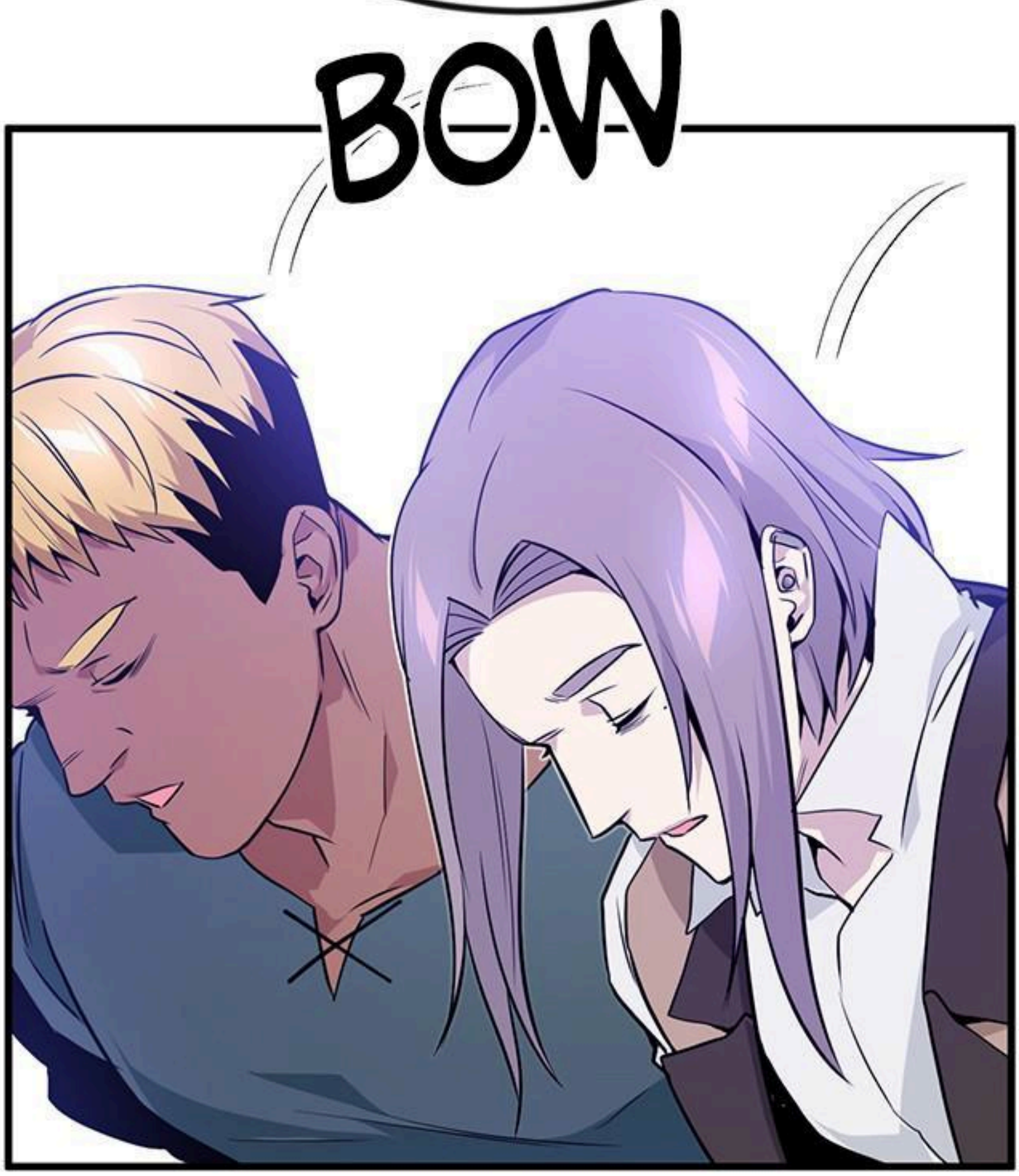


YOU ARE NOT
CURIOUS AS TO

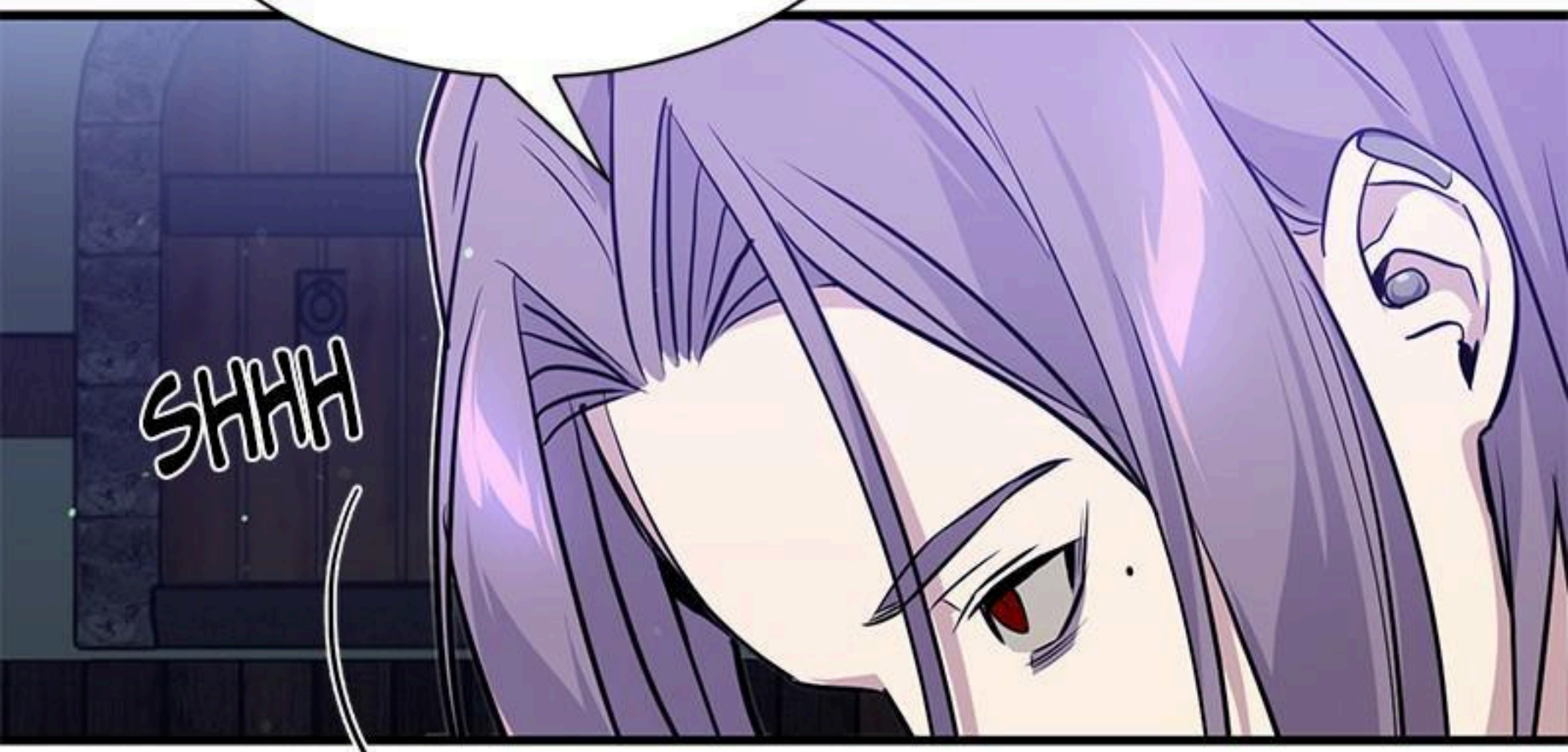
CURIOUS AS TO WHY TODAY?



YOUR COMMANDS ARE ABSOLUTE, MASTER. WE SIMPLY FOLLOW THEM.



AND I THINK
I UNDERSTAND THE
REASON BEHIND YOUR
COMMAND.



HA.

THEY HAVE THE INTELLIGENCE TO FIGURE THAT OUT, TOO?

YES. YOU UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY.





FATHER WILL OBLITERATE THE GANG OF REBAL FROM THE FACE OF THE WORLD.

THE EXISTENCE OF TWO MEMBERS ABANDONED BY THEIR OWN ORGANIZATION WILL BE FORGOTTEN EASILY, AMID THE CHAOS.

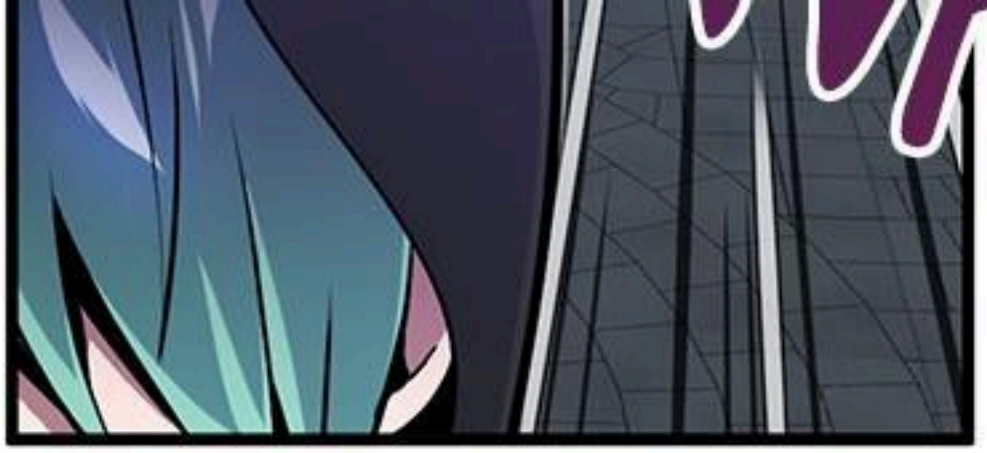
I WILL BE
AWAY FOR A FEW DAYS.
DO NOT CAUSE A SCENE
IN THE MEANTIME.




YES, SIR!


STEP
STEP


MA-MASTER!


WHISK


WHAT IS IT?
TURNS

WHA-WHAT MANNER OF CREATURES HAVE WE BECOME?



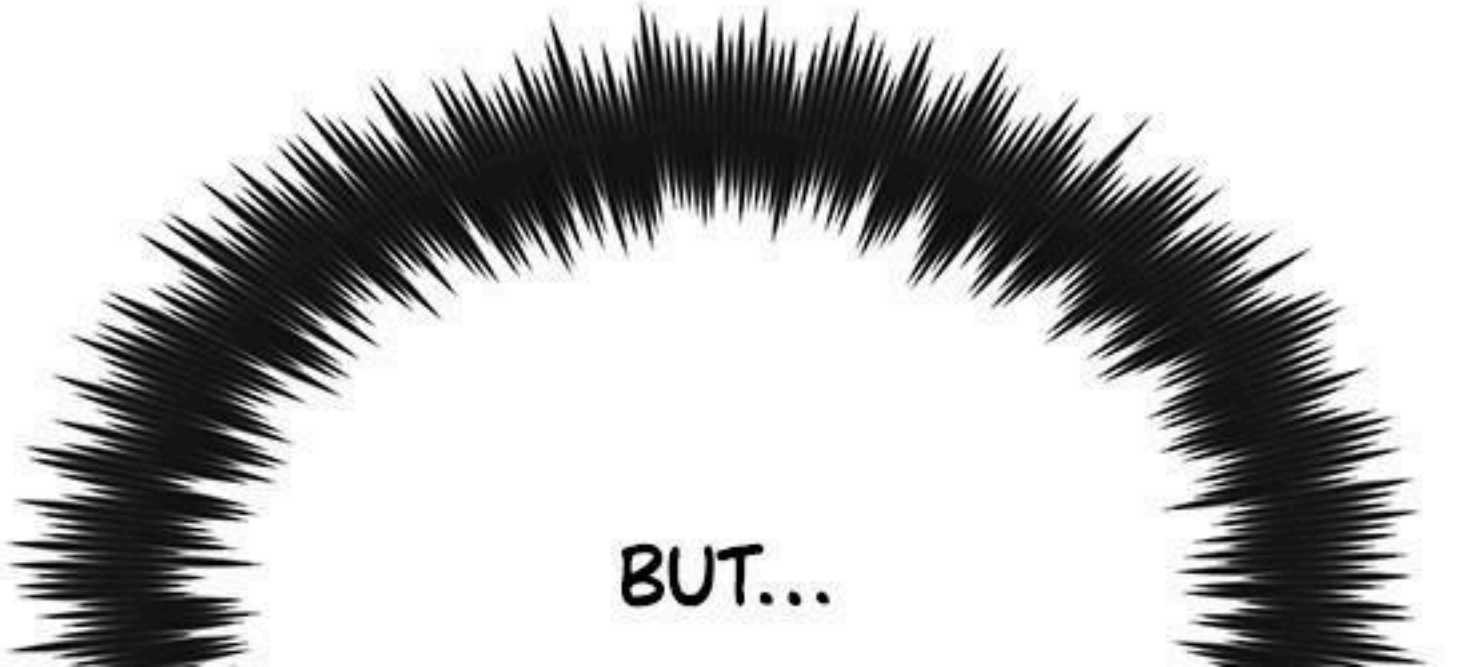
I KNOW THAT WE HAVE BECOME DEAD ALREADY.

WE ACCEPTED IT, KNOWING IT CANNOT BE UNDONE.

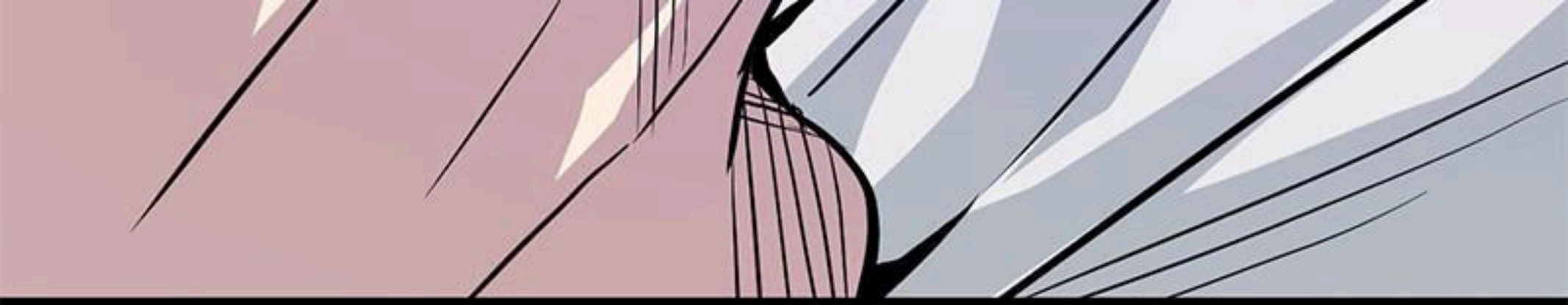
NOT THAT WE WANT TO GO BACK, ANYWAYS

ANYWAYS...

...SINCE WE ARE SATISFIED WITH THIS POWER.

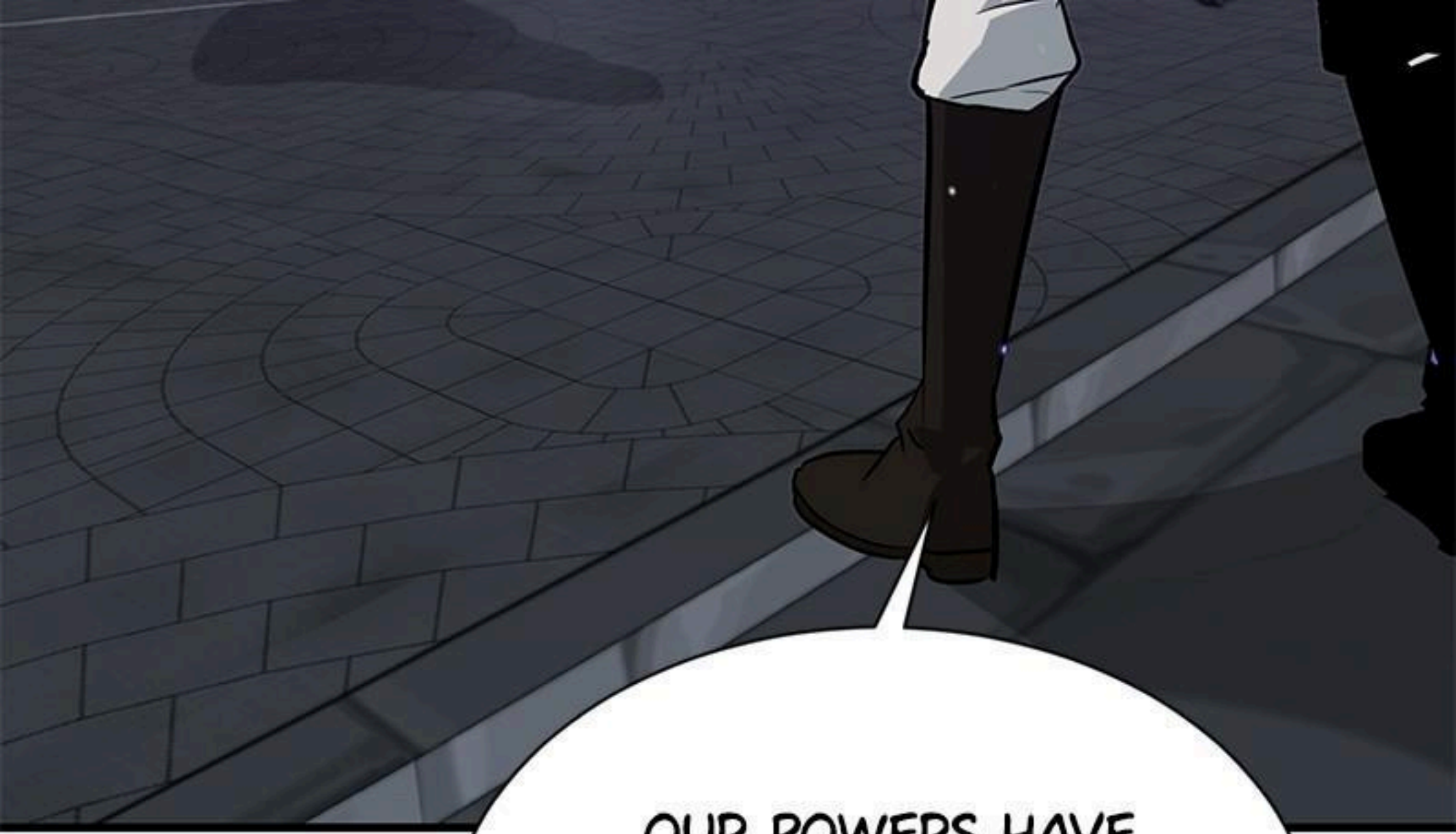



CLENCH



I JUST WISH TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF A BEING I AM!

WHAT EXACTLY IS IT YOU WISH TO KNOW ABOUT?


OUR POWERS HAVE DRASTICALLY IMPROVED, COMPARED TO BEFORE DEATH.

HAVE WE BY ANY CHANCE BECOME HIGH-RANKING UNDEADS?



PUHAHA!!



TAKEN ABACK

M-MY APOLOGIES, SIR. WAS THE QUESTION A BIT OUT OF LINE?

HAHAHA.

NO, NO. YOU GAVE ME A

GENUINE, GOOD LAUGH.

CONJURED CREATURES NORMALLY ASK ME IF THEY HAVE REALLY BECOME UNDEAD.



I HAVE NEVER SEEN UNDEADS ACCEPT THE NEW WAY OF "LIFE"

SO FAST, LIKE YOU TWO.

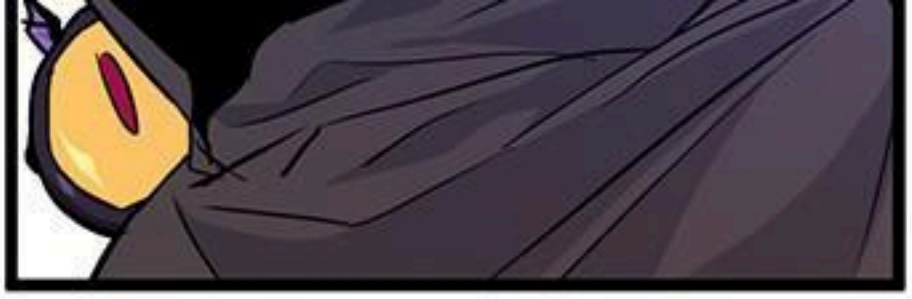
OH... WE ARE HONORED.





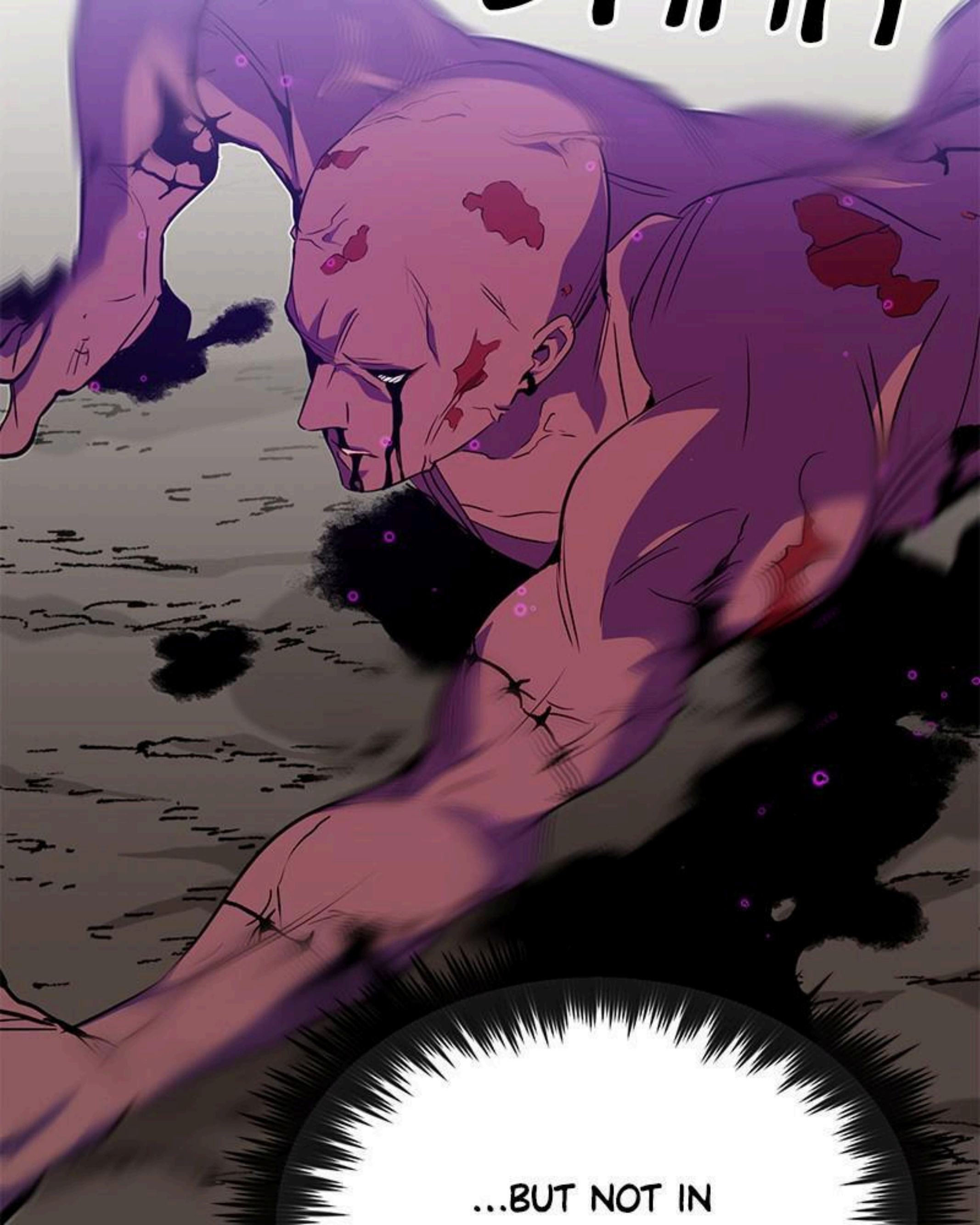
NEVER HAVE I EVEN EXPERIENCED ANYTHING LIKE THIS IN MY ENTIRE EXISTENCE.





IN MOST CASES,
THEY WOULD BE IN
DENIAL AND END UP
WITHOUT A GLIMPSE OF
INTELLIGENCE...

SHH


...BUT NOT IN

THIS CASE.

PHILIP...

I MAY HAVE DISCOVERED
A HIDDEN TREASURE IN
THESE TWO.

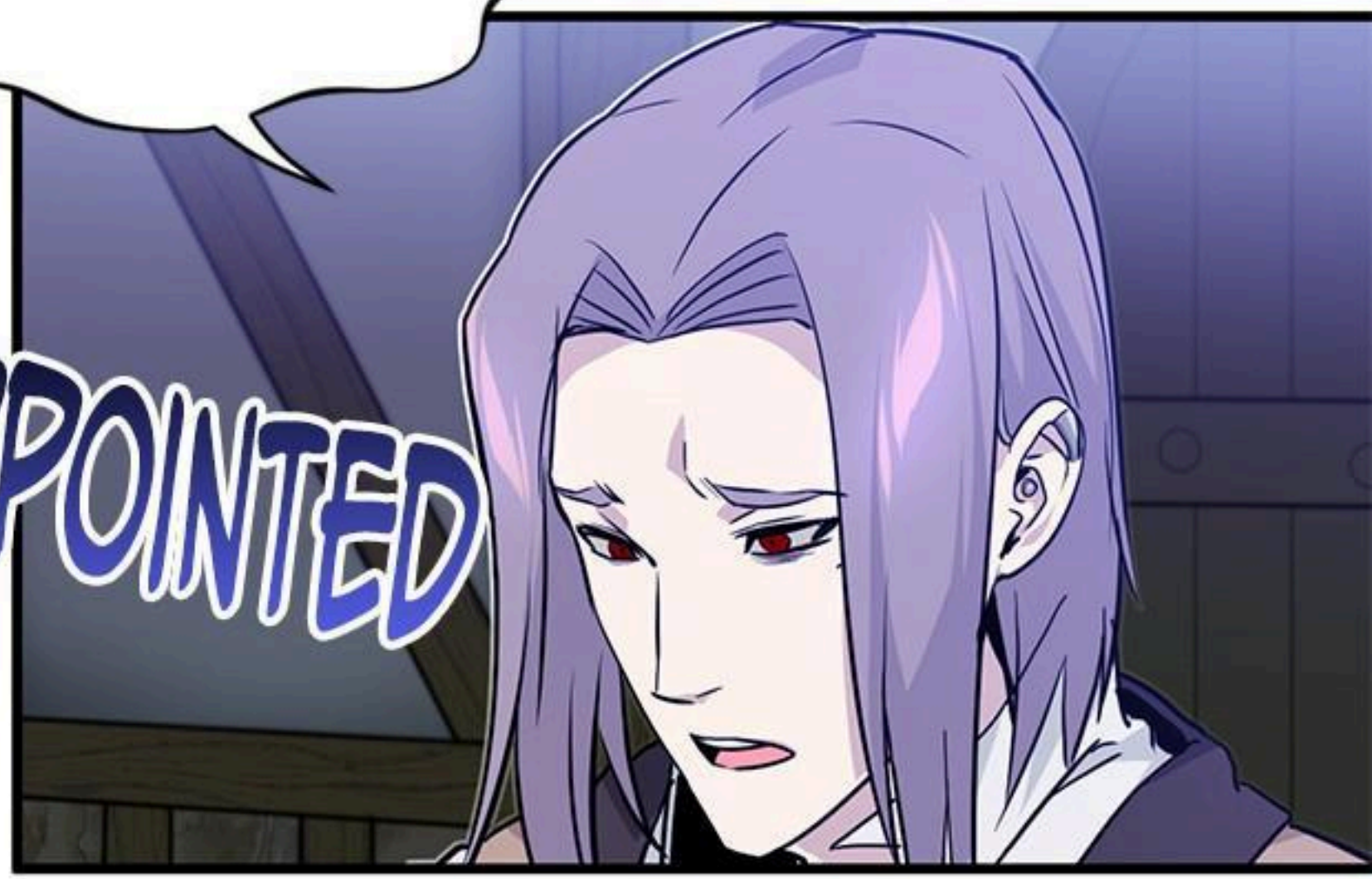
YOU
TWO ARE STILL
ZOMBIES,

JUST WITH
THE SAME OUTWARD
APPEARANCES AS
THOSE OF BEFORE
DEATH.



YOU HAVE SIMPLY GAINED GREATER PHYSICAL STRENGTH AS YOU TURNED UNDEAD.

I-I UNDERSTAND. SO WE ARE JUST ZOMBIES...



HAHA.

BUT YOU NEVER KNOW. DEPENDING ON HOW YOU GUYS PERFORM,

YOU MAY END UP AS HIGH-RANKING ZOMBIES.

SHHH


!
BEAM

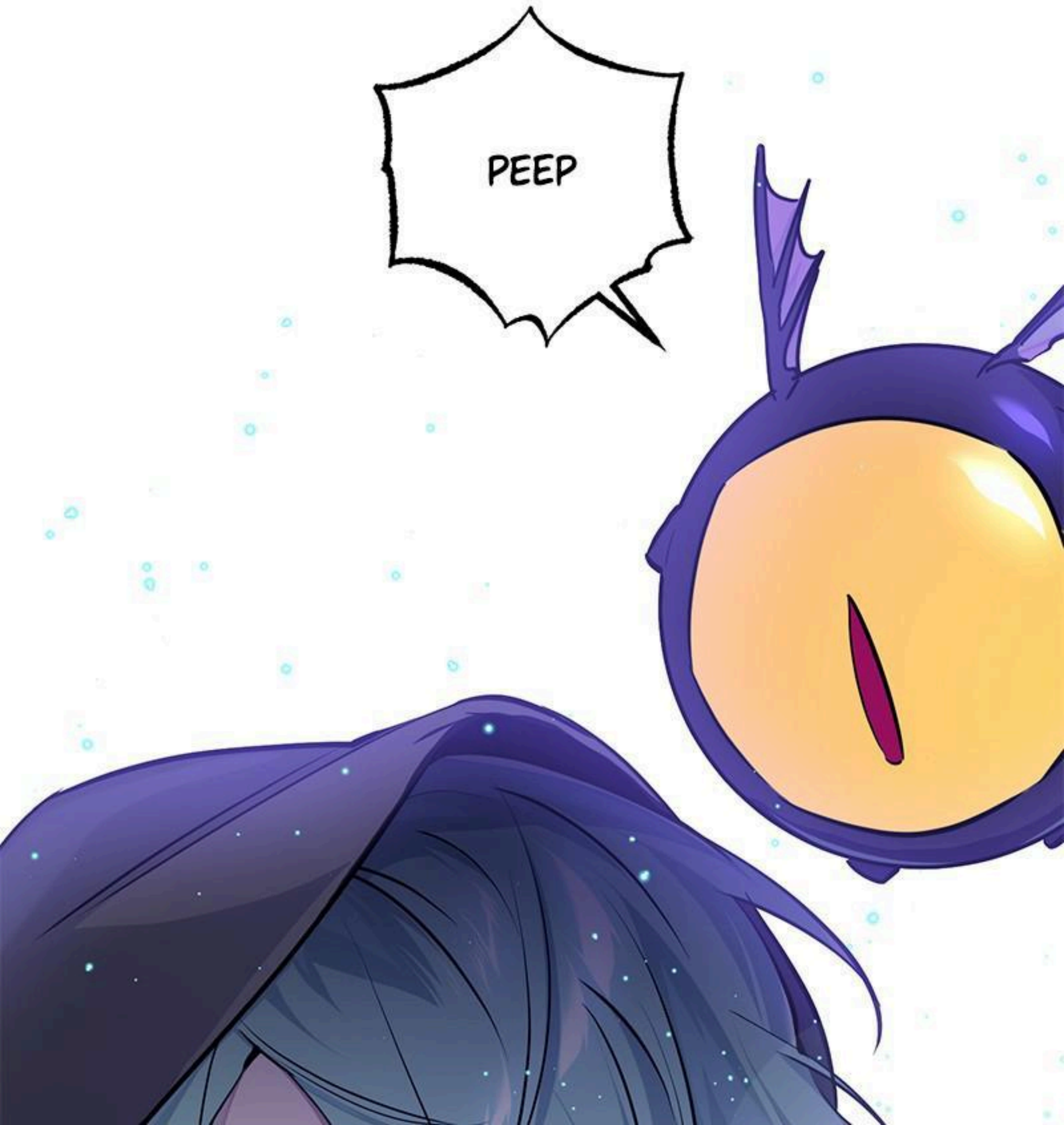



I WILL TAKE
MY LEAVE NOW.
STAY HIDDEN.



YES, SIR!
BE SAFE ON YOUR JOURNEYS!

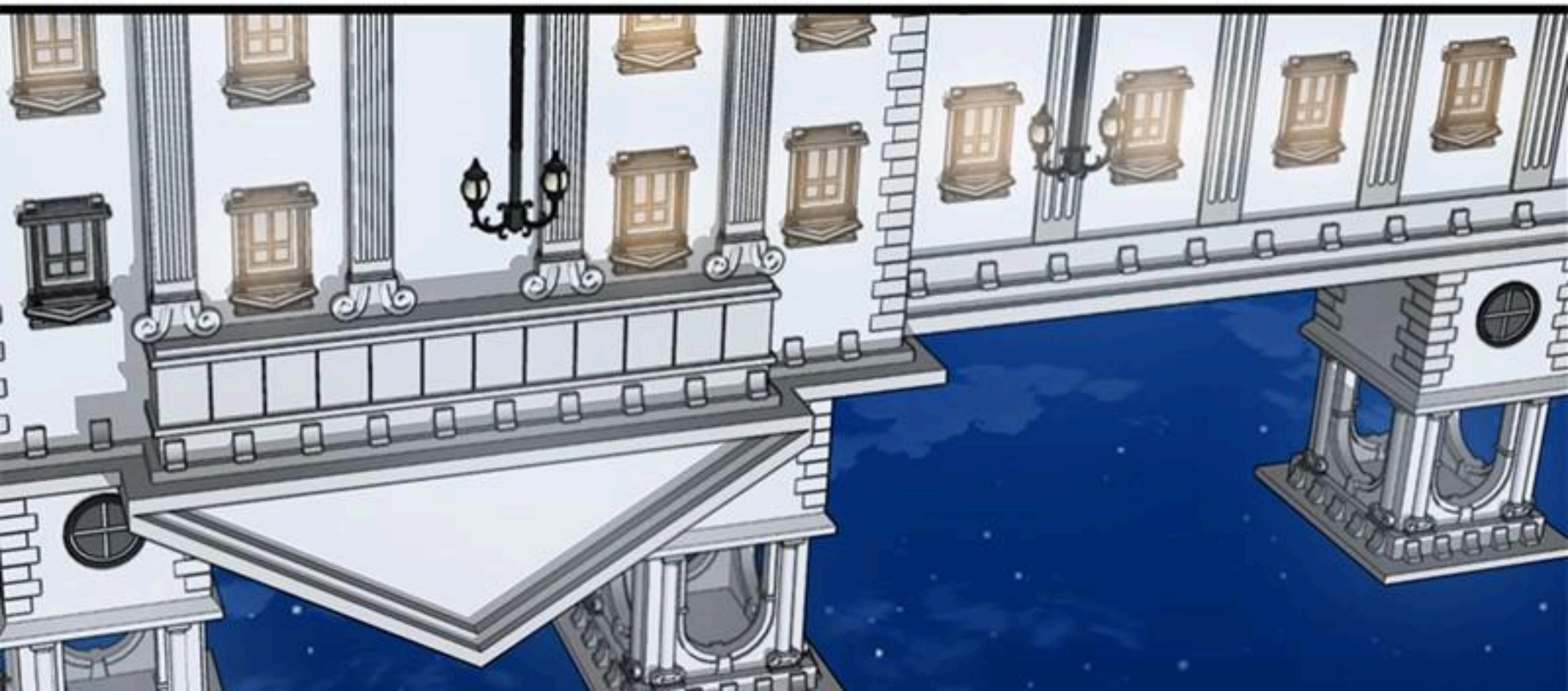
PEEP





DON'T BE LIKE THAT. I HAD A LOT OF FUN, AND IT WAS REMINISCENT OF THE PAST TOO.


WE WASTED
TOO MUCH TIME.
LET'S HEAD BACK.



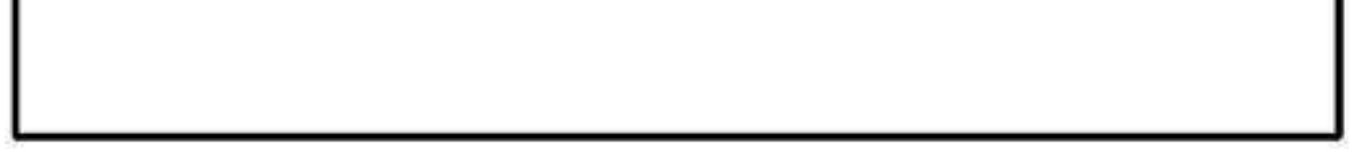
THAT NIGHT,
THE WELTON HOUSEHOLD
WAS IN GREAT UPROAR.



AN EXECUTIVE
OF REBAL, A SIZEABLE
CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION
BASED IN HEISS, HAD BLOWN
THE WHISTLE.



IN RESPONSE, THE EARL HAD TO POSTPONE HIS DEPARTURE UNTIL HE TOOK CARE OF THIS ISSUE.



AS SUCH, JUST THE THREE OF US HAVE LEFT AND ARE ON OUR WAY TO REEZEN, THE BIGGEST CITY OF COMMERCE IN THE EASTERN REGION OF THE KINGDOM.



IT WOULD BE SO MUCH QUICKER WITH A TELEPORTATION SPELL.

CLIP CLOP

CLIP CLOP

COMPARED TO THE PAST, HOWEVER, THINGS HAVE HUGELY IMPROVED.

THEY HAVE

THEY HAVE ACHIEVED IMMENSE TECHNOLOGICAL PROWESS, BEYOND COMPARISON TO THE MYTHICAL ERA.



IT'S JUST THAT I STILL HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH TIME HAS PASSED AFTER I WAS SEALED AWAY.

HISTORY BOOKS CONTAINED EVENTS THAT OCCURRED AFTER MY "DEATH."



THERE HAD BEEN
AN INVASION BY CREATURES
FROM THE UNDERWORLD
AT ONE POINT...

...AND THE DEMON KING HAD BEEN SUMMONED AT ANOTHER.

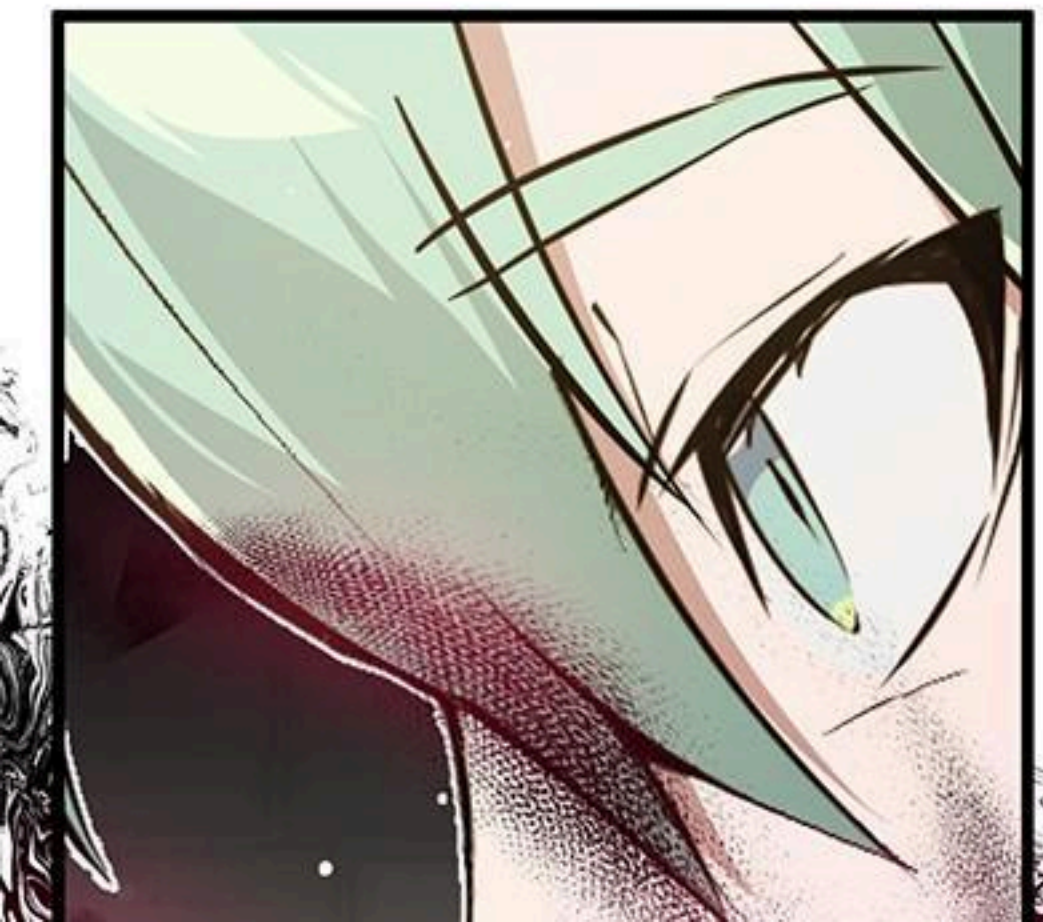


OF COURSE, THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY SIGNIFICANT CATASTROPHIC EVENTS FOR SOME TIME NOW...

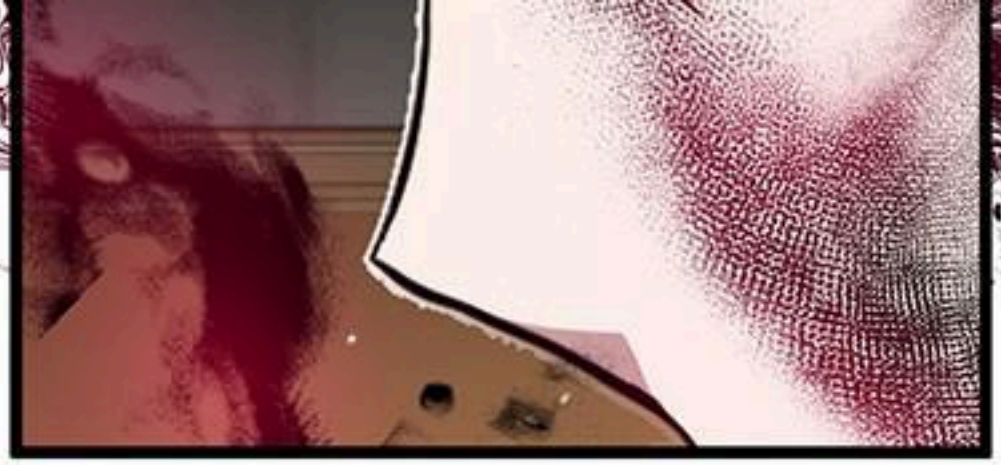




...BUT I MAY
BECOME A BREAKER OF
THE PEACE THAT LASTED
A FEW CENTURIES.



SHHH



SHHH

FOOLISH TWELVE GODS.
YOU HAD ALL THIS TIME TO
CONSTRUCT A UNIFIED FORCE,
BUT FAILED.

MY BATTLE AGAINST THEM THIS TIME WILL BE A WALK IN THE PARK!

I MAY INFLICT TREMENDOUS CASUALTIES ALONG THE WAY, BUT THAT IS THE LEAST OF MY CONCERNS!

SHOOM

MMMPH...!

FLINCH

LET'S JUST...






HEHE...


PSH

...FOCUS ON THIS PARTY FOR NOW.





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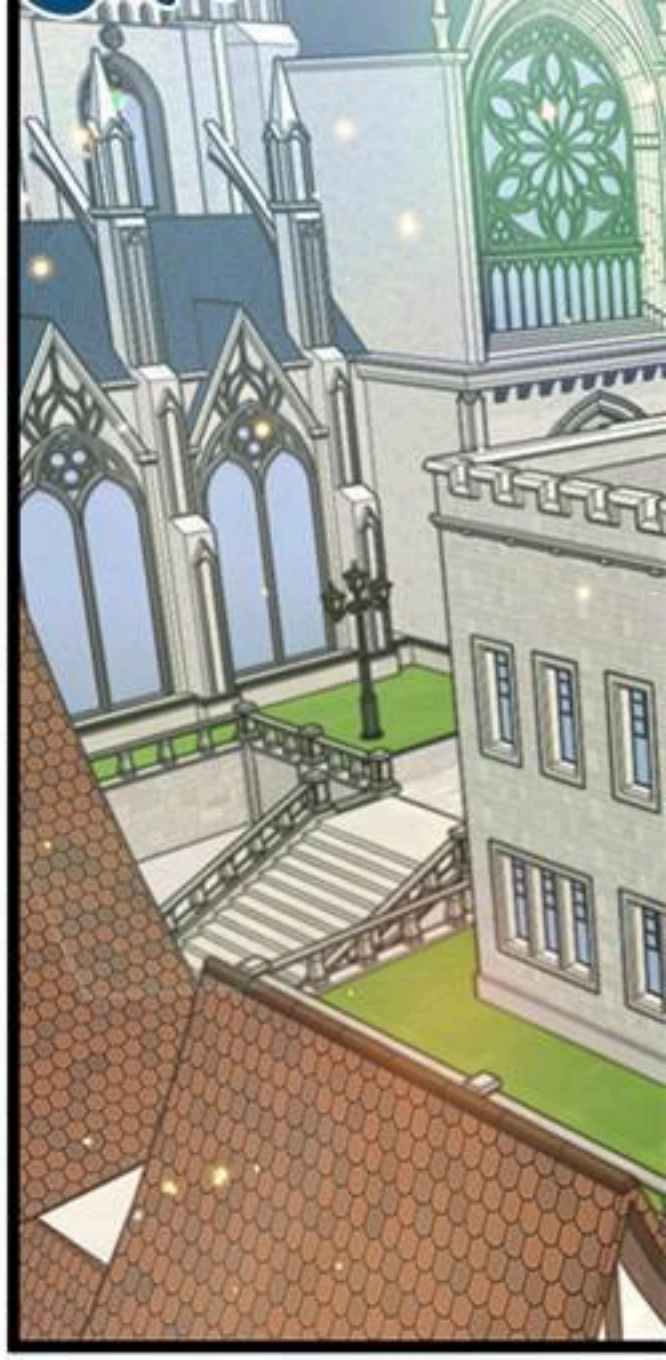

CHATTER


CHATTER

BUSTLE

BUSTLE

RING-DONG



WOW

REEZEN IS INDEED AMAZING.

OPEN

IT IS THE LARGEST CITY OF COMMERCE IN THE KINGDOM.

I AM SURE THERE AREN'T THAT MANY SETTLEMENTS WITH

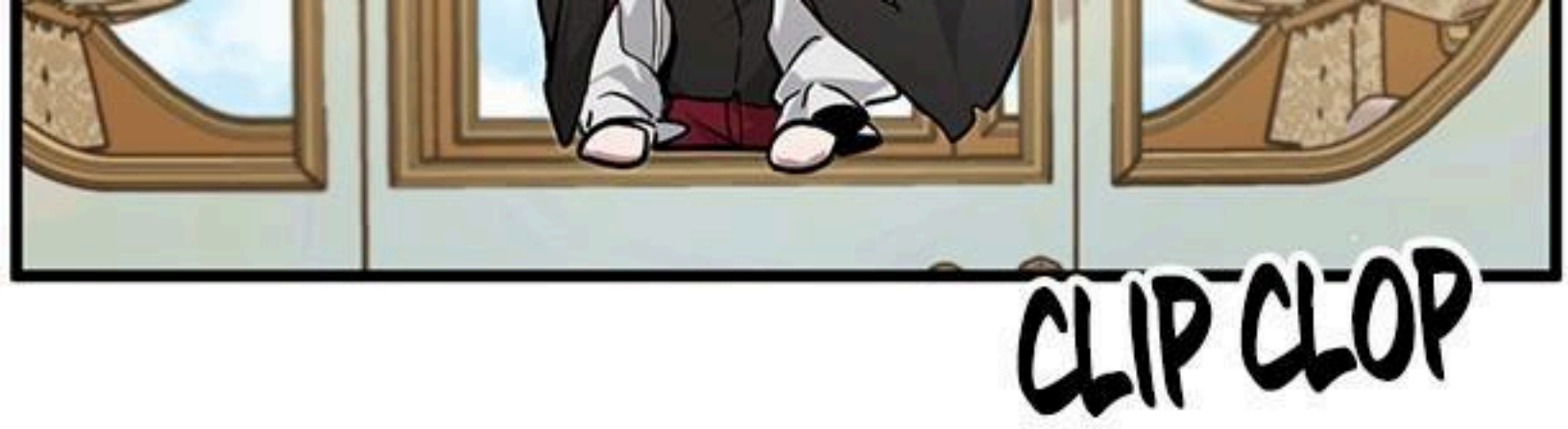
SUCH A LARGE AMOUNT OF TRADES IN THE ENTIRE CONTINENT.

ISN'T THAT AWESOME?

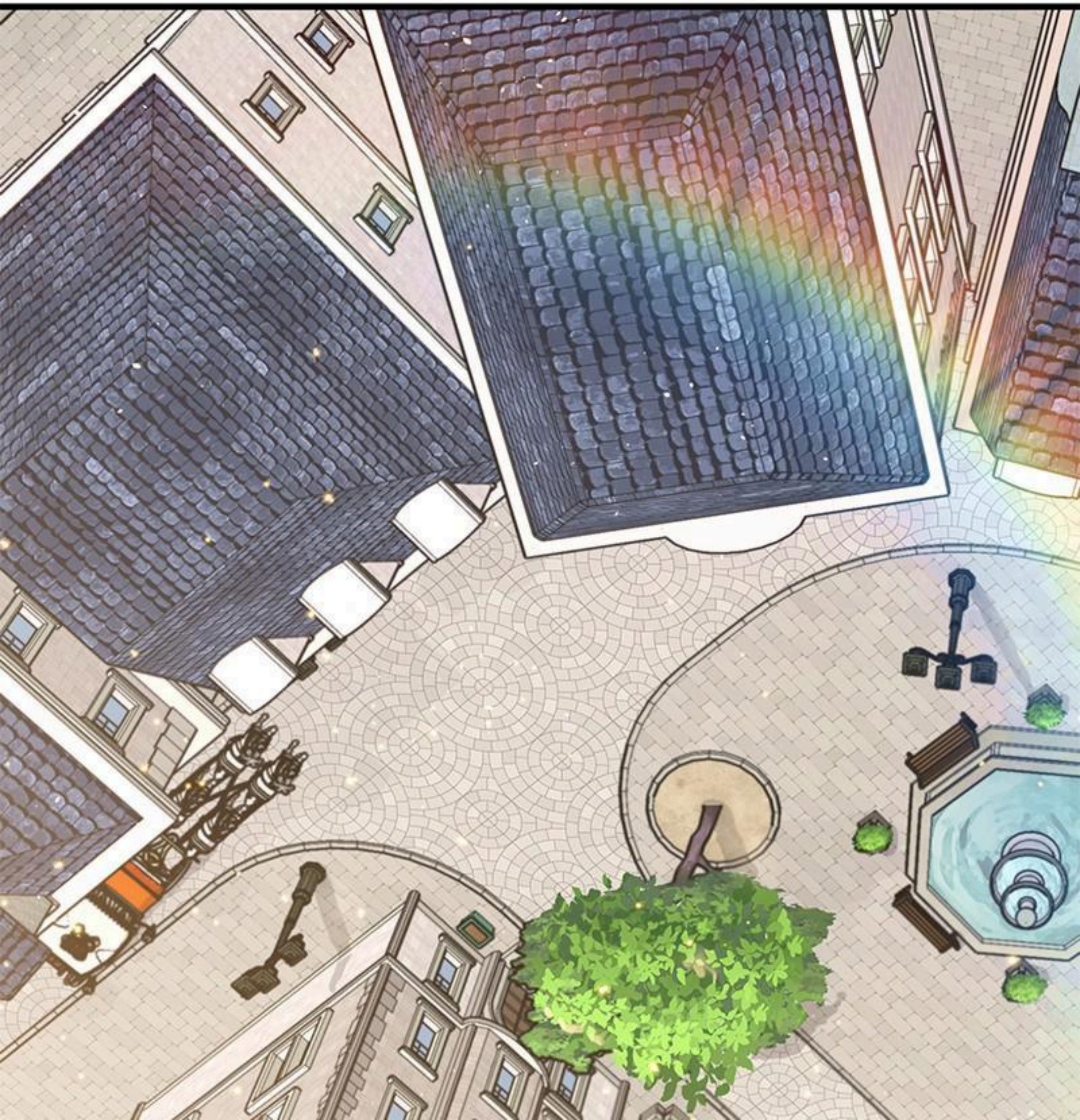
WOW!
THAT IS AWESOME INDEED!

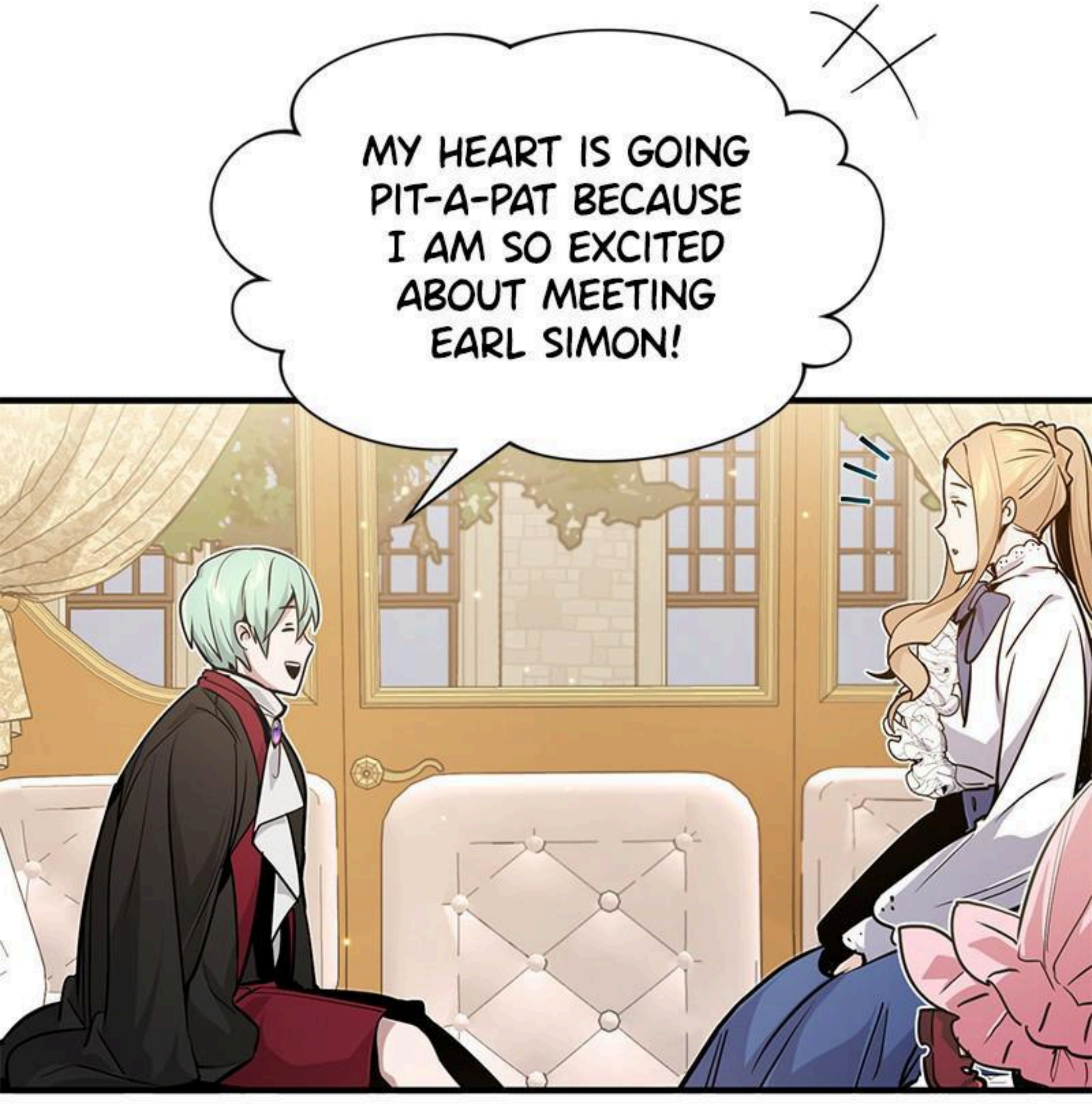
THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THE WEALTH OF THE KINGDOM OF SELDAM IS THE CITY OF REEZEN, AFTER ALL.




CLIP CLOP


WE ARE
ALMOST HERE!




MY HEART IS GOING PIT-A-PAT BECAUSE I AM SO EXCITED ABOUT MEETING EARL SIMON!

OH, MY LITTLE BOY!
SO ADORABLE! DON'T
BE SO NERVOUS!

CLASP

UGH...
WHAT THE?!

KISS

HEART GOING PIT-A-PAT! THAT IS JUST SO LOVELY!

UGH...

KISS

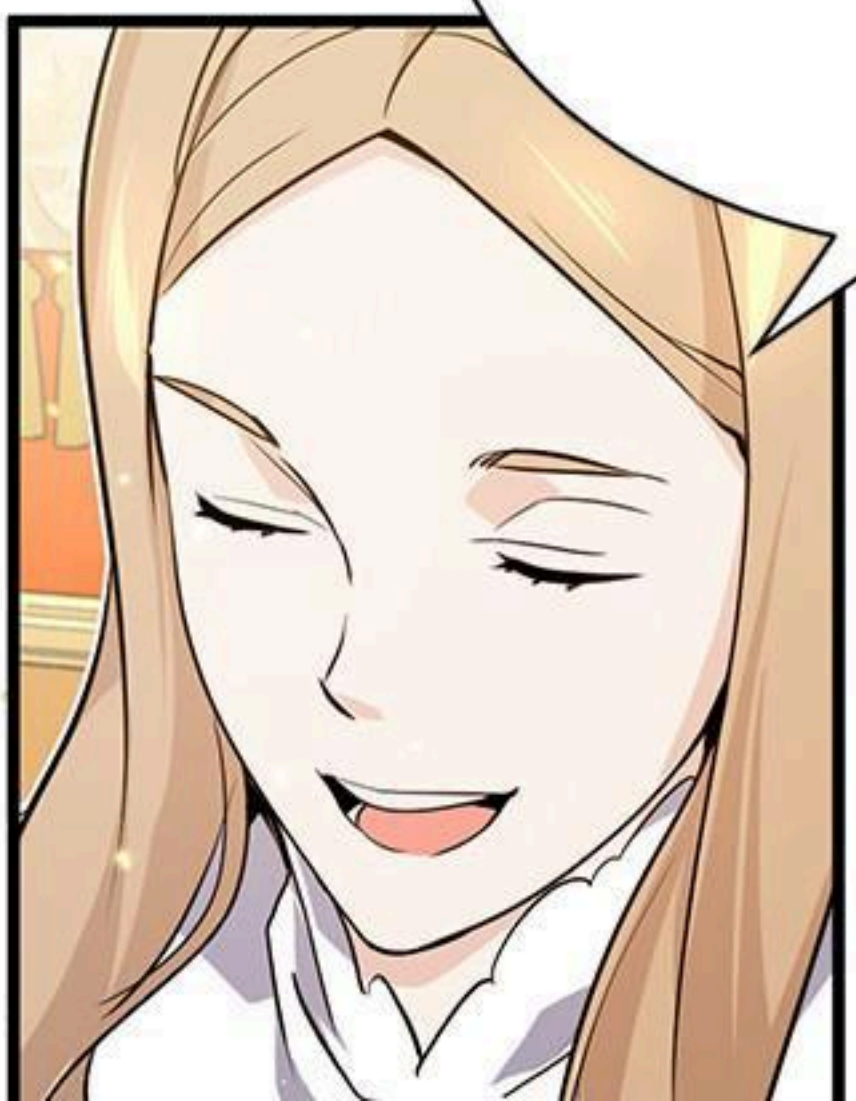
DON'T WORRY! MOMMY WILL BE BY YOUR SIDE THE WHOLE TIME!

KISS

UGH...

PERHAPS YOU ADMIRE EARL SIMON,

SINCE YOU WISH TO BECOME A MAGE YOURSELF.



SATISFIED




YE-YES.
EXHAUSTED

EARL SIMON
IS A REMARKABLE
PERSON.

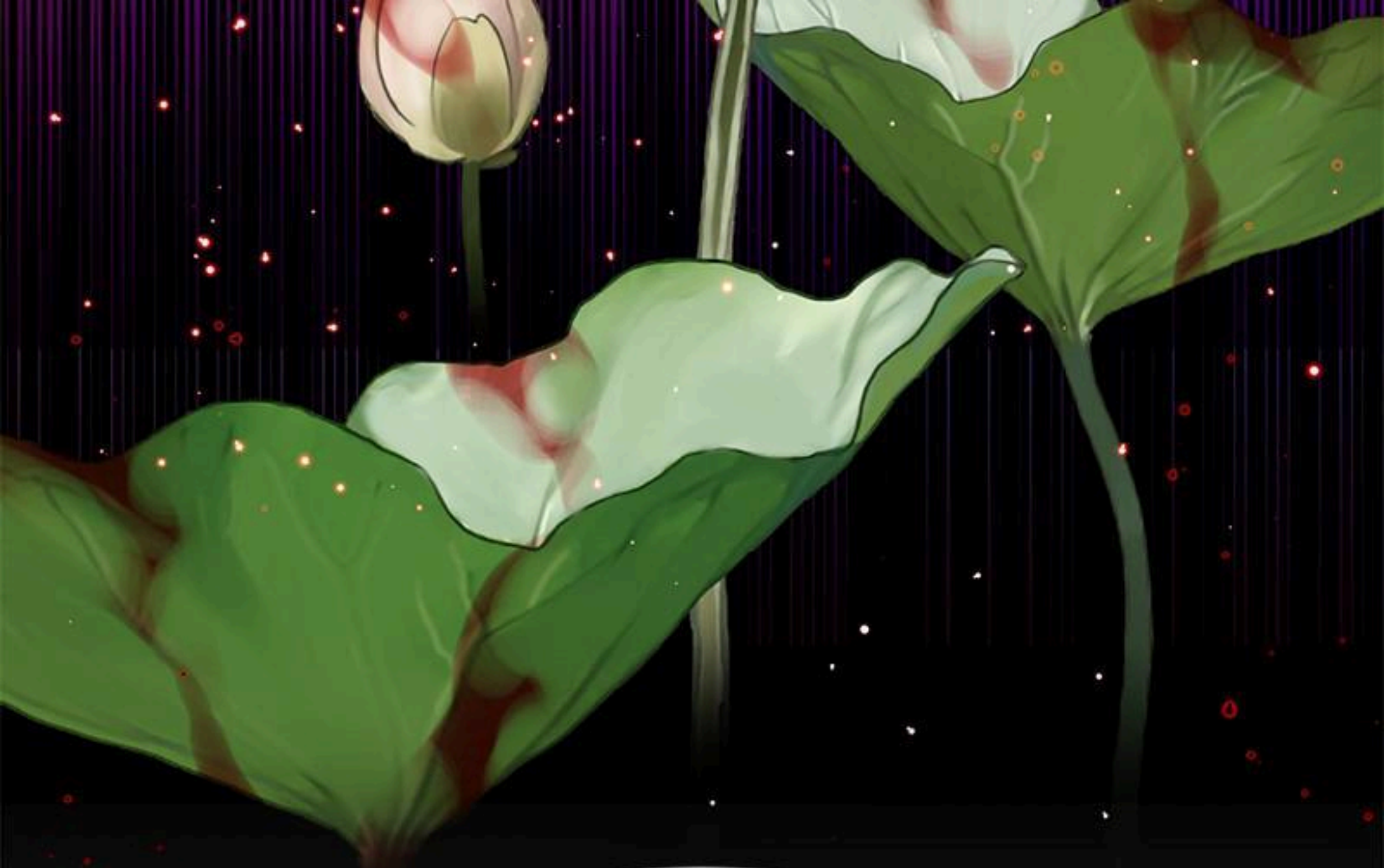
HE BECAME
A RANK 7 GREAT MAGE
WHEN HE WAS JUST
AROUND DADDY'S
AGE.

BLANK

HE ALSO IS ONE OF
THE TWO MOST PROMINENT
NOBLES IN THE EASTERN REGION,
AND THE LORD OF REEZEN.

HIS MAGIC RESEMBLES
A BEAUTIFUL RED LOTUS
FLOWER, HENCE THE NICKNAME
"RED LOTUS MAGE"...



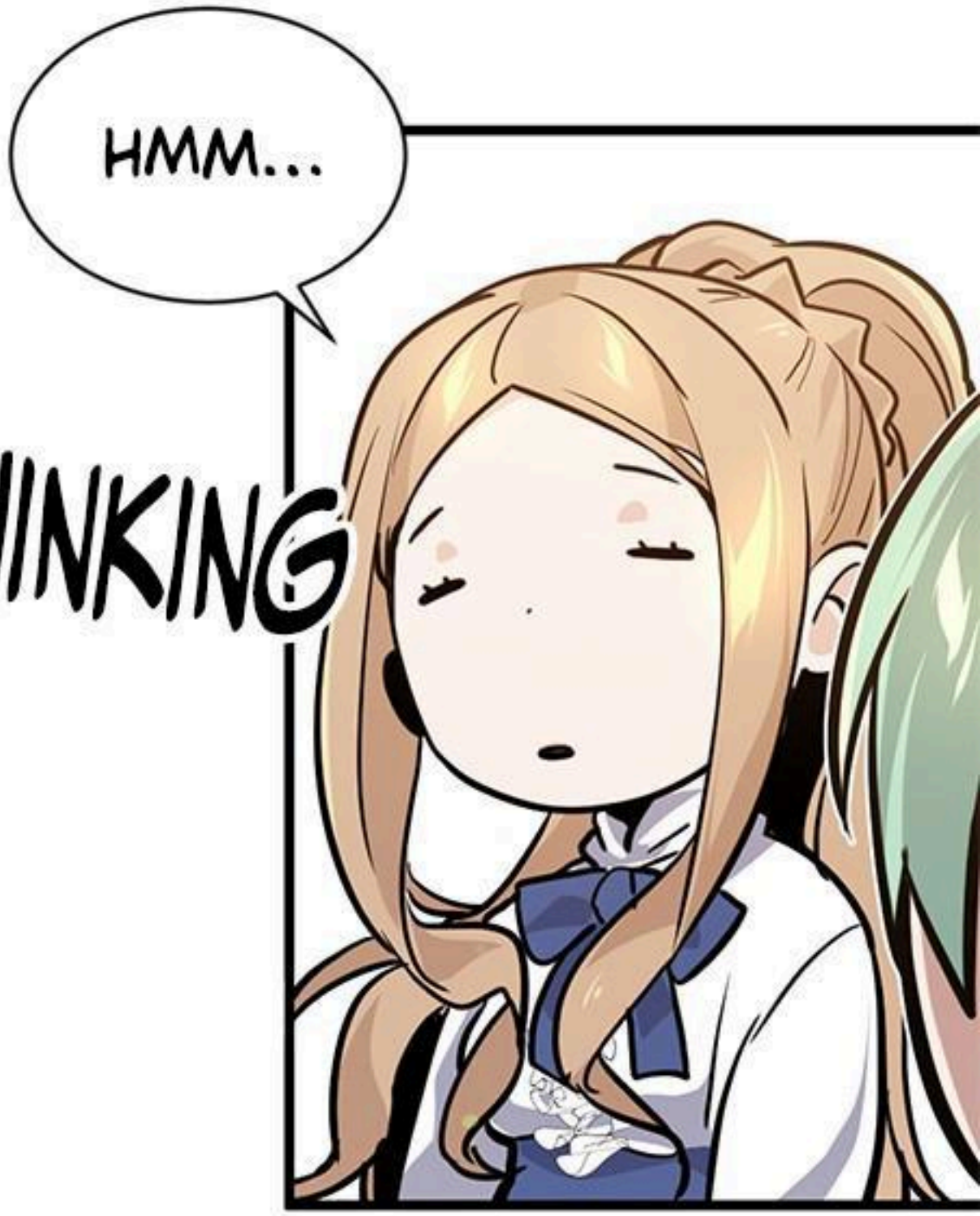

...AND IS RUMORED TO
HAVE TAKEN AWAY THE LIVES OF
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE.



CLIP CLOP

WHAT KIND OF A PERSON IS HE?




HMM...
THINKING

GOOSEBUMPS

HE HAS IMPRESSIVELY BEAUTIFUL RED HAIR... LIKE BLOOD!

WHAT?

I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT HIS NICKNAME "RED LOTUS MAGE," OR HOW HE IS A RANK 7 MAGE.





BUT THE POWER
THAT TOOK AWAY THE
LIVES OF THOUSANDS
OF PEOPLE AT
ONCE...

...THE MAGIC
THAT PULLED OFF
SOMETHING AS ARDUOUS
AS THAT IS WHAT
INTRIGUES ME.

CLIP CLOP


I CAN'T WAIT
UNTIL I GET TO
SPEAK WITH
THAT GUY.

CONVERSATION WITH MARQUESS RINMAL WAS TOO ABRUPT AND BRIEF, FOR MY LIKING.

I WONDER WHAT THE MEETING WITH EARL SIMON HAS IN STORE FOR ME.



KIDS, WATCH YOUR STEP AS YOU COME OUT.

STEP


OKAY!
TAP

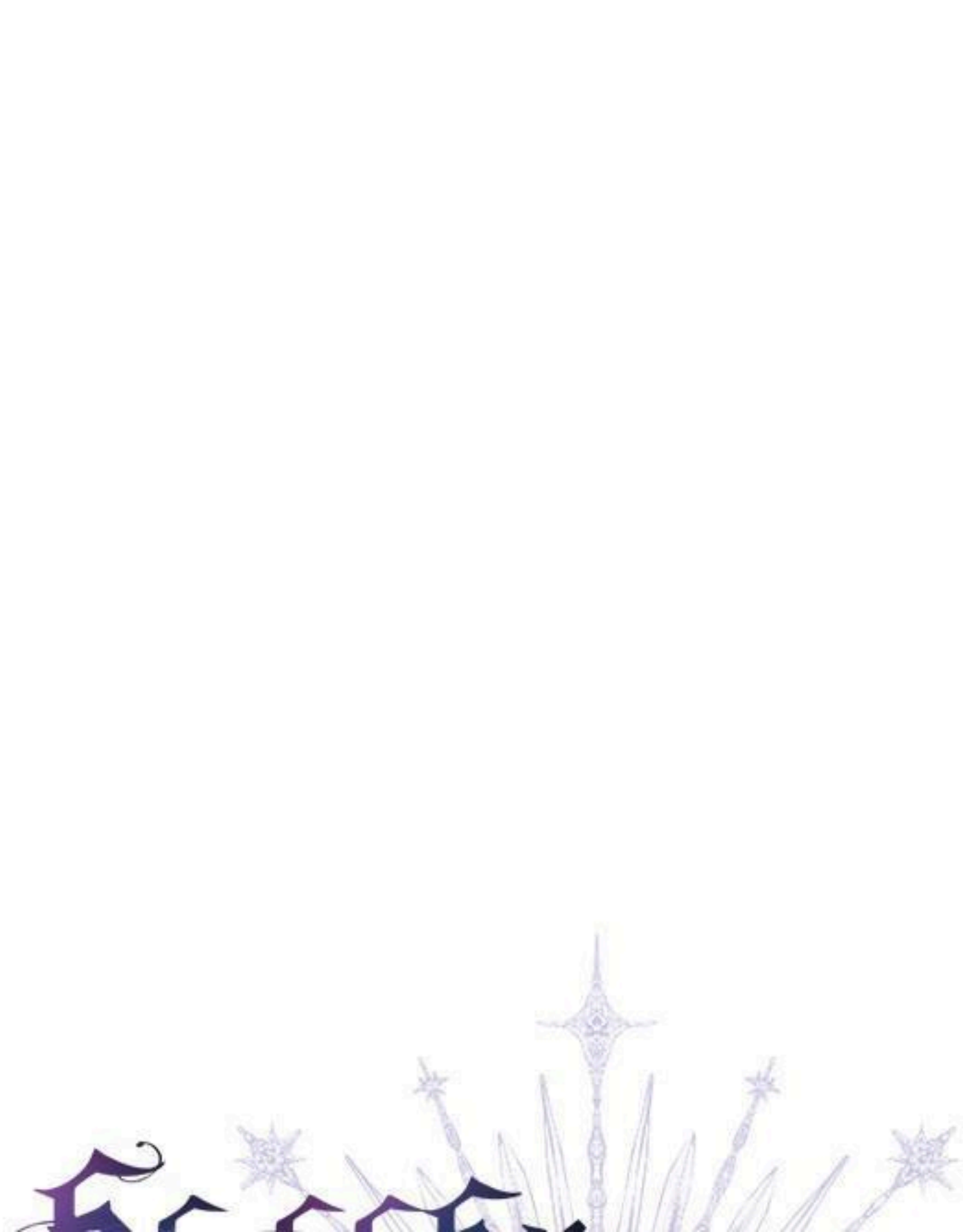
I PRESUME
I AM WELCOMING
EARL WELTON'S FAMILY,
MY LADY?



YES, YOU ARE.

PLEASE ALLOW
ME TO ESCORT YOU TO
THE CASTLE.


CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER

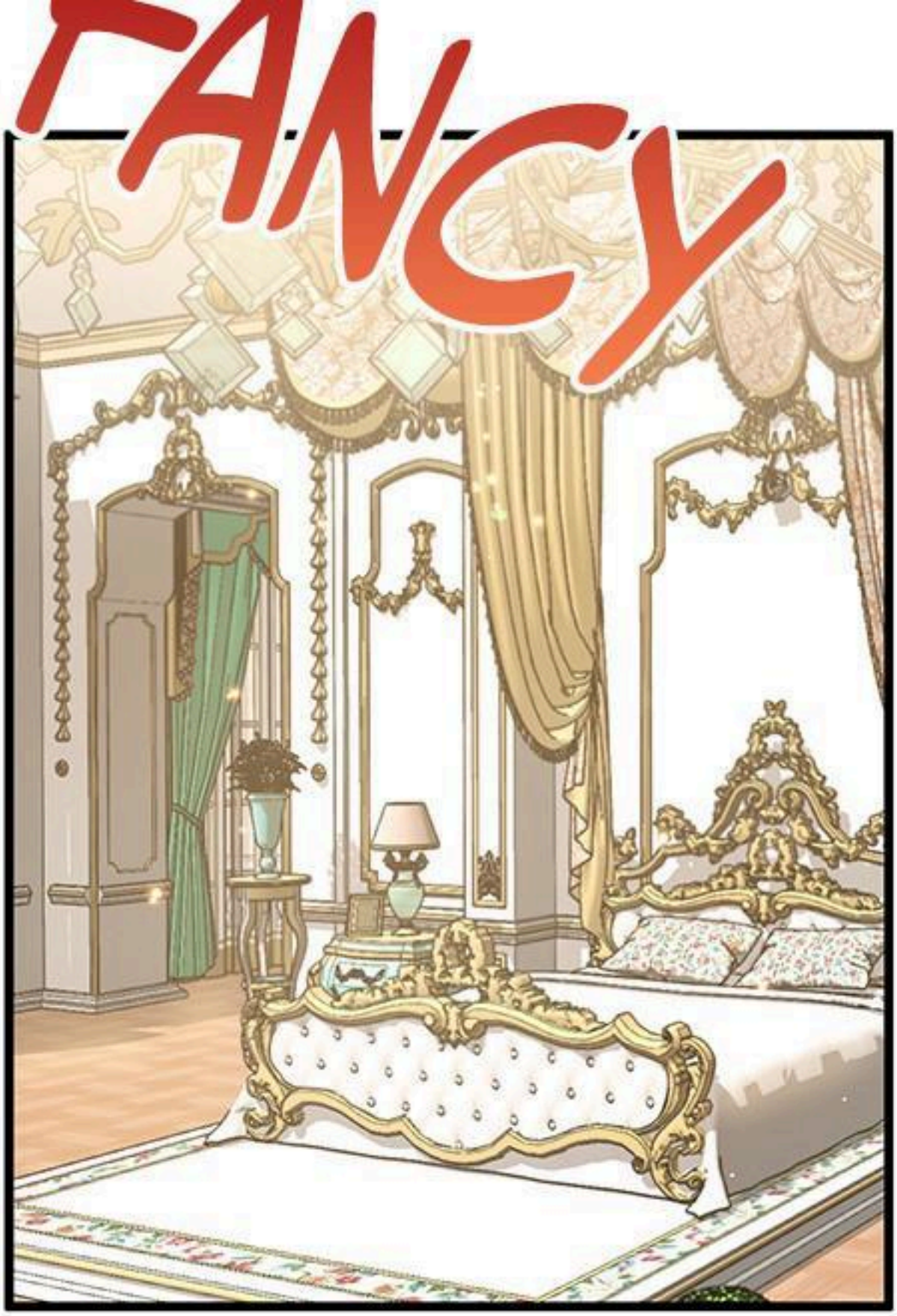


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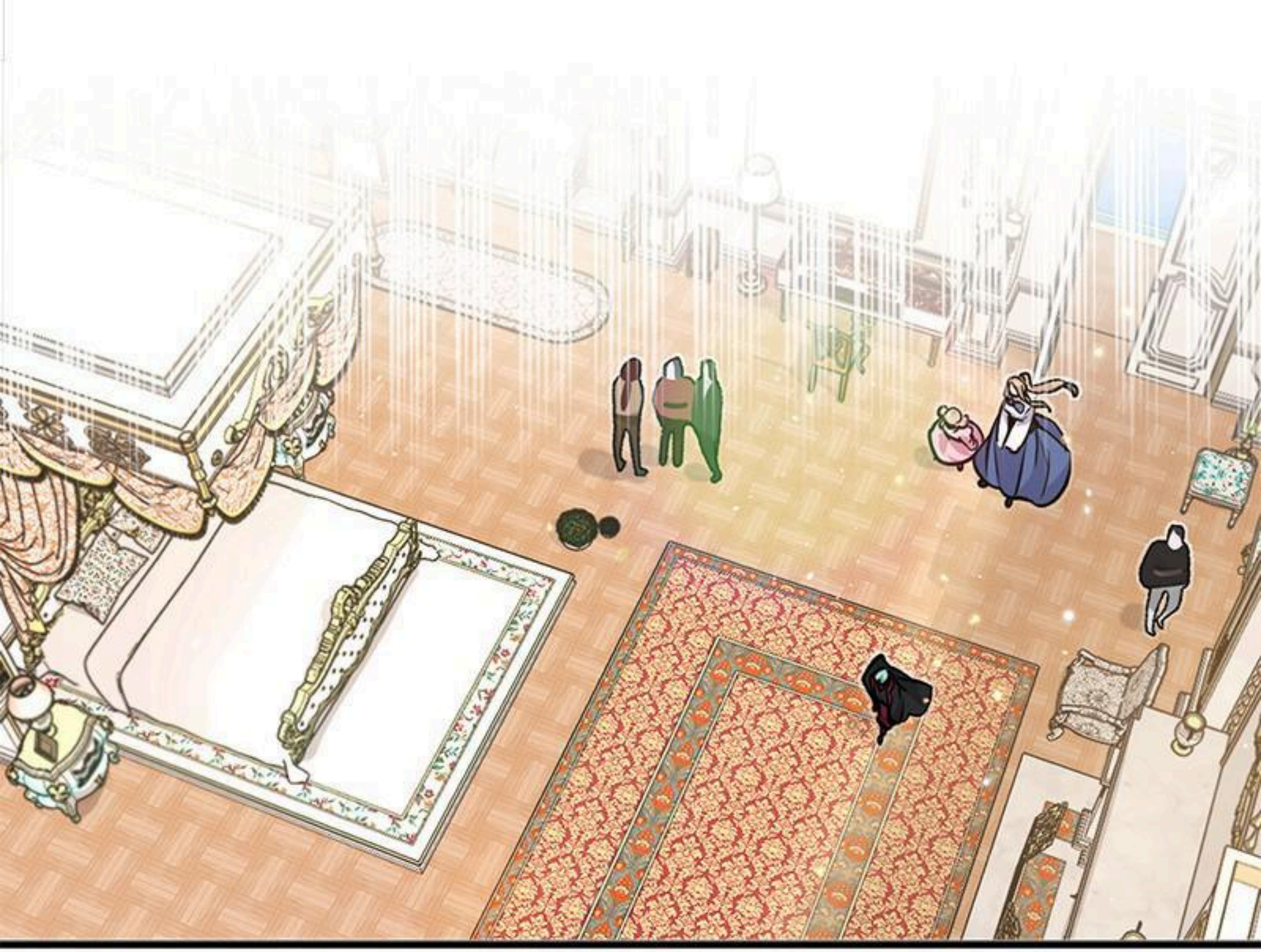

FANCY


BLING
BLING



PLEASE MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE IN THIS ROOM DURING YOUR STAY HERE.

AND LET THE STAFF KNOW IF YOU FIND ANYTHING OUT OF COMFORT.



IT'S SO KIND OF EARL SIMON TO HAVE MADE SUCH PREPARATIONS FOR US.

IT SURE IS!

YOUNG MASTER, PLEASE COME THIS WAY.

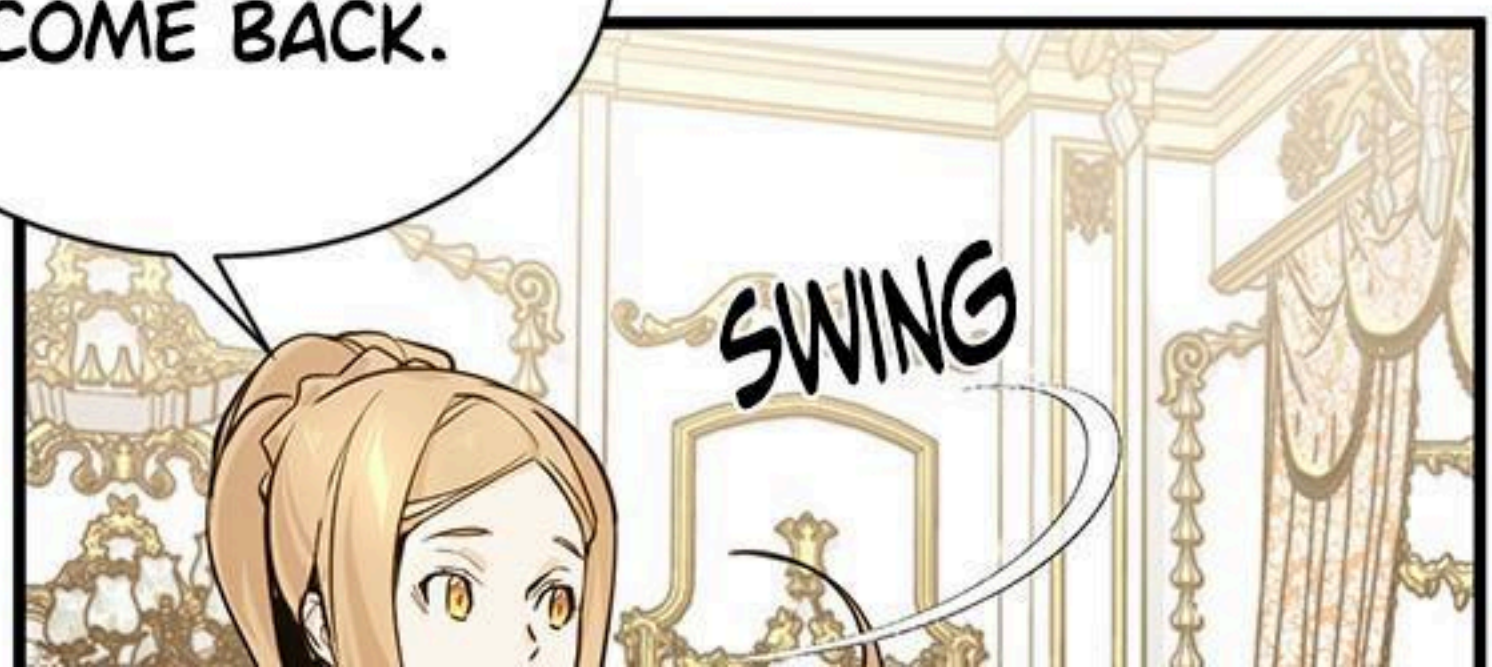
CREAK

?

WOW...

HA. A SENSIBLE GUY HE IS. I SHUDDER JUST AT THE THOUGHT OF SHARING A ROOM WITH PARENTS AT THIS AGE.

UNPACK QUICKLY AND COME BACK.




OKAY!

A MOMENT
LATER

MY GOODNESS,
YOUR HAIR IS SHINING
SO BRIGHTLY.

YOUR BEAUTY IS
MAKING US JEALOUS,
MY LADY.

CREAK

WOW!



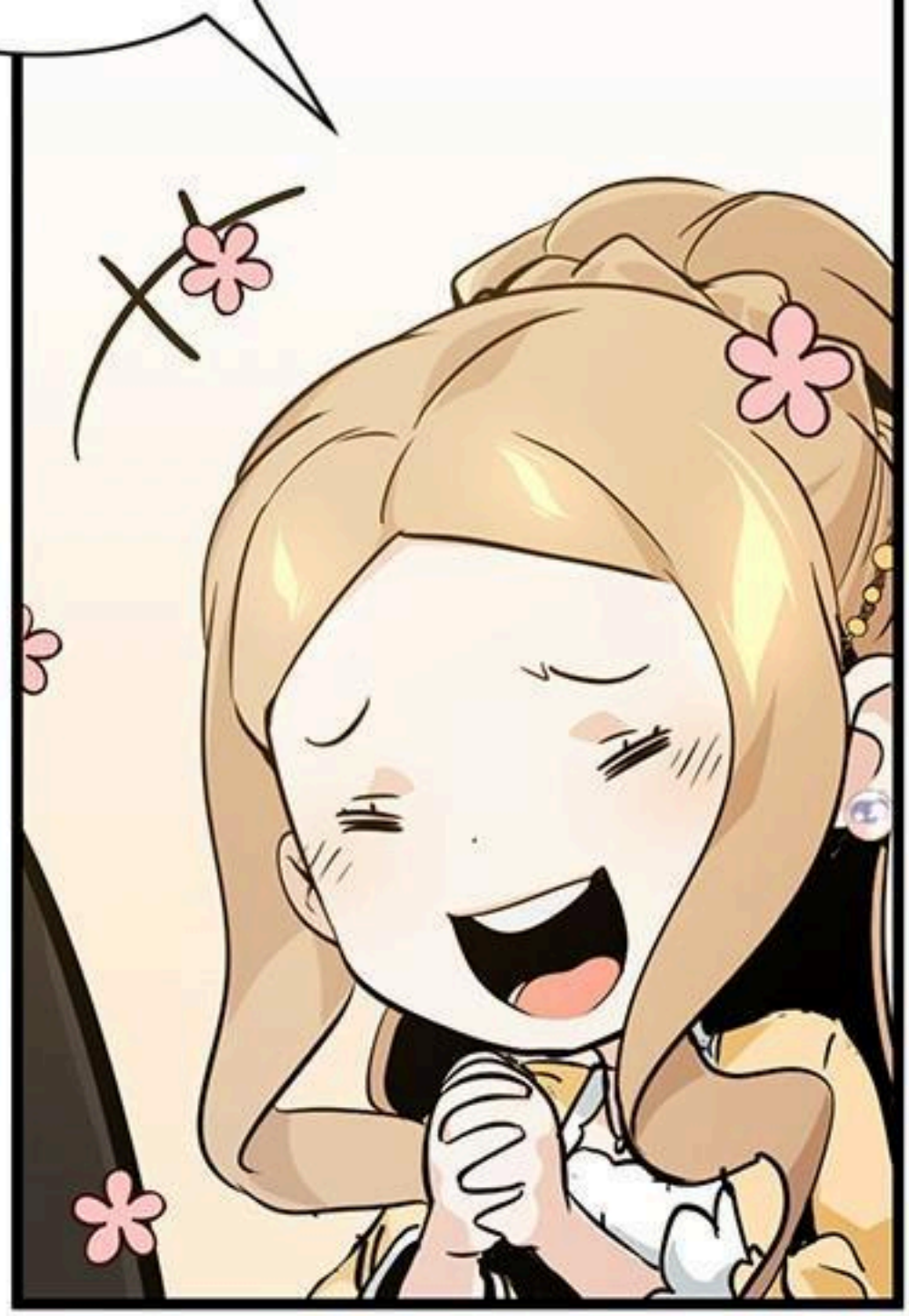

SHINE
MOTHER, YOU ARE SO BEAUTIFUL...



HAHA. DOES MOMMY LOOK BEAUTIFUL IN YOUR EYES TOO?

YOU DO!

I AM OVERJOYED TO HEAR SUCH KIND WORDS!



AND LOOK AT YOU, JAMIE. YOU YOURSELF LOOK SO ADORABLE TODAY!

I WANT TO GIVE YOU THE BIGGEST HUG EVER!

FLINCH

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DOING THAT TODAY, MY LADY. YOU WILL RUIN THE MAKEOVER.

MAY I... GIVE HIM JUST ONE BIG HUG?

DA DUN



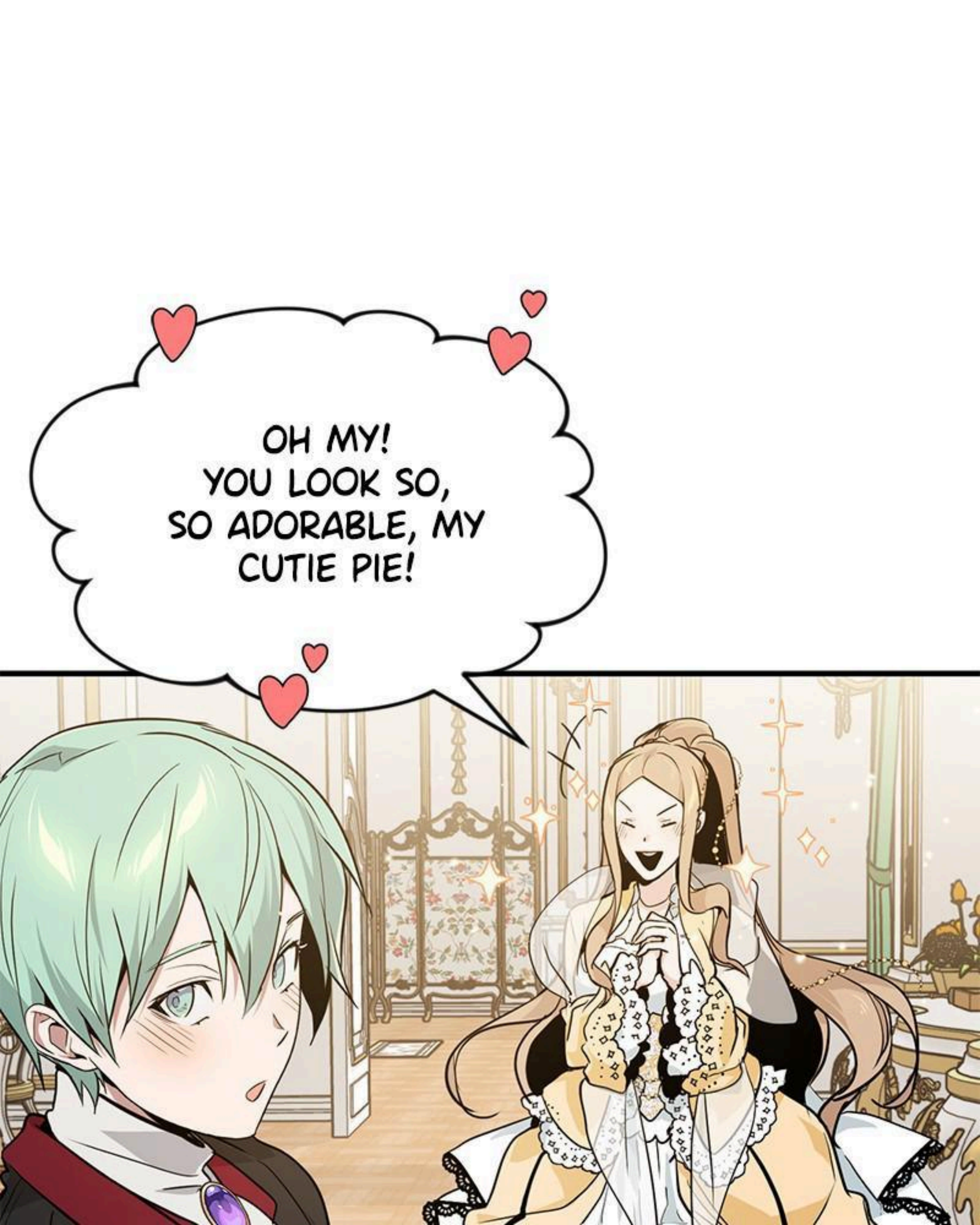
NOT TODAY.
YOUR DRESS WILL
CRINKLE.

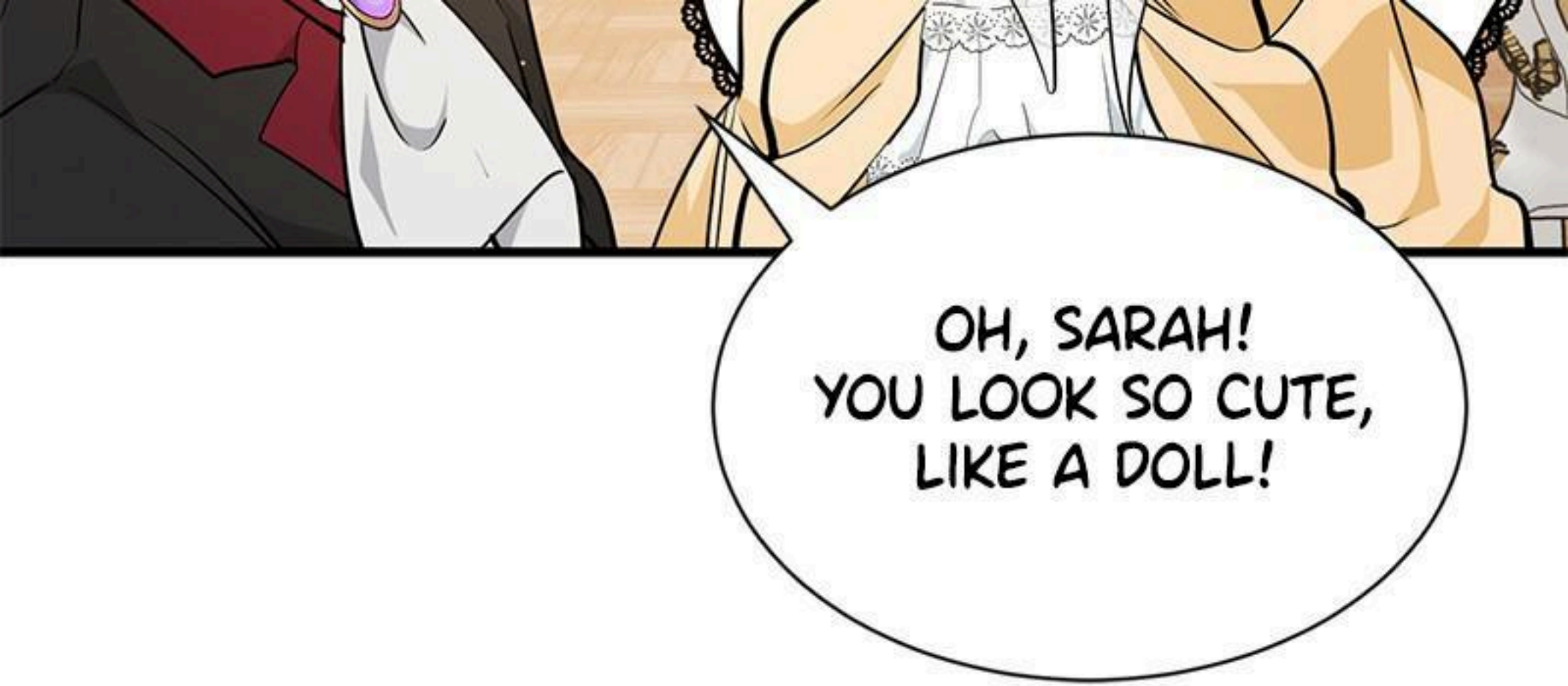
WHEW...
WHAT A RELIEF.

THE YOUNG LADY IS READY, AS WELL.






OH MY!
YOU LOOK SO,
SO ADORABLE, MY
CUTIE PIE!


OH, SARAH!
YOU LOOK SO CUTE,
LIKE A DOLL!

BEAM

REALLY,
BIG BROTHER?



YES.
REALLY.

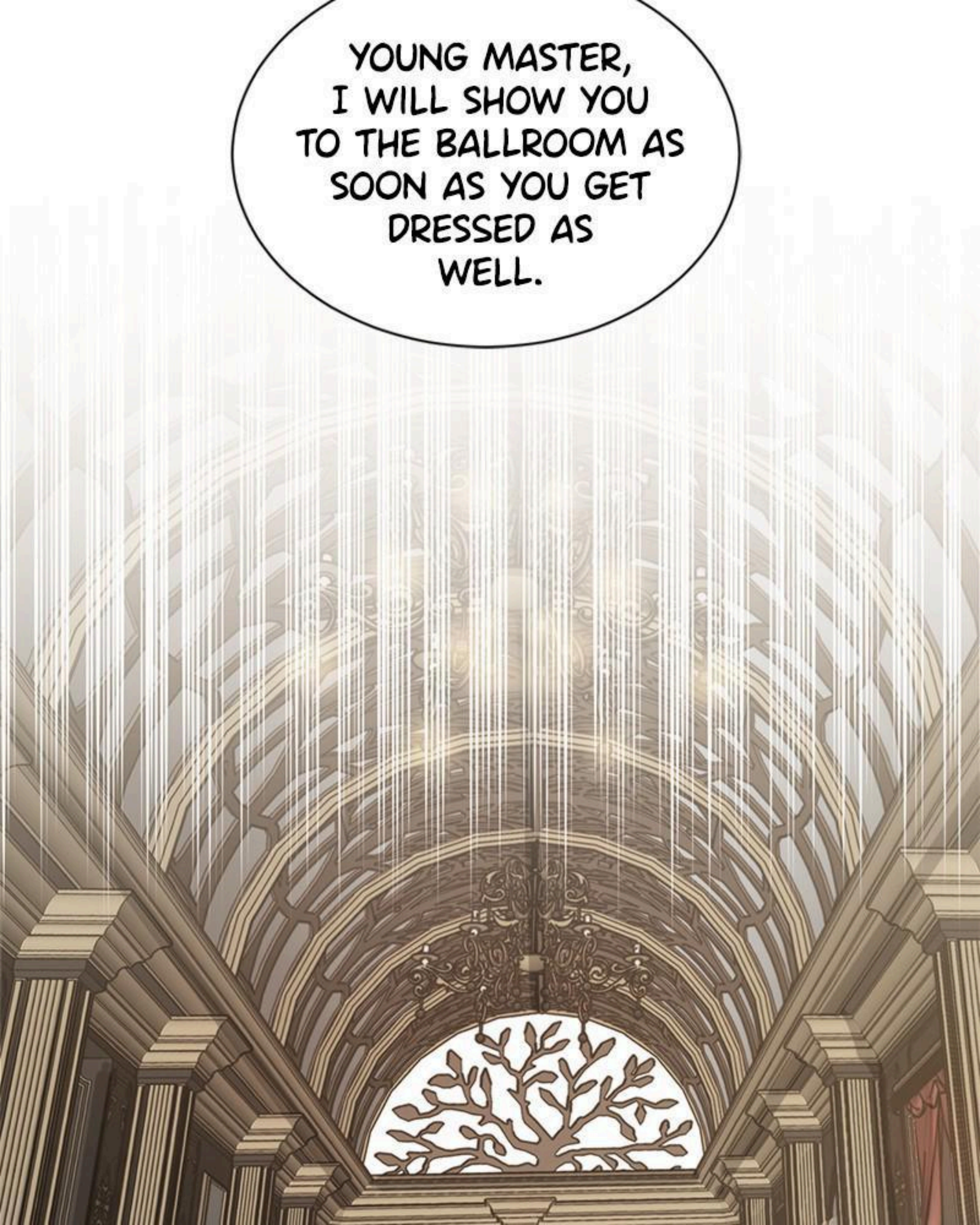
IT MIGHT BE A
BIT UNCOMFORTABLE,
BUT YOU'LL BE

ALRIGHT.

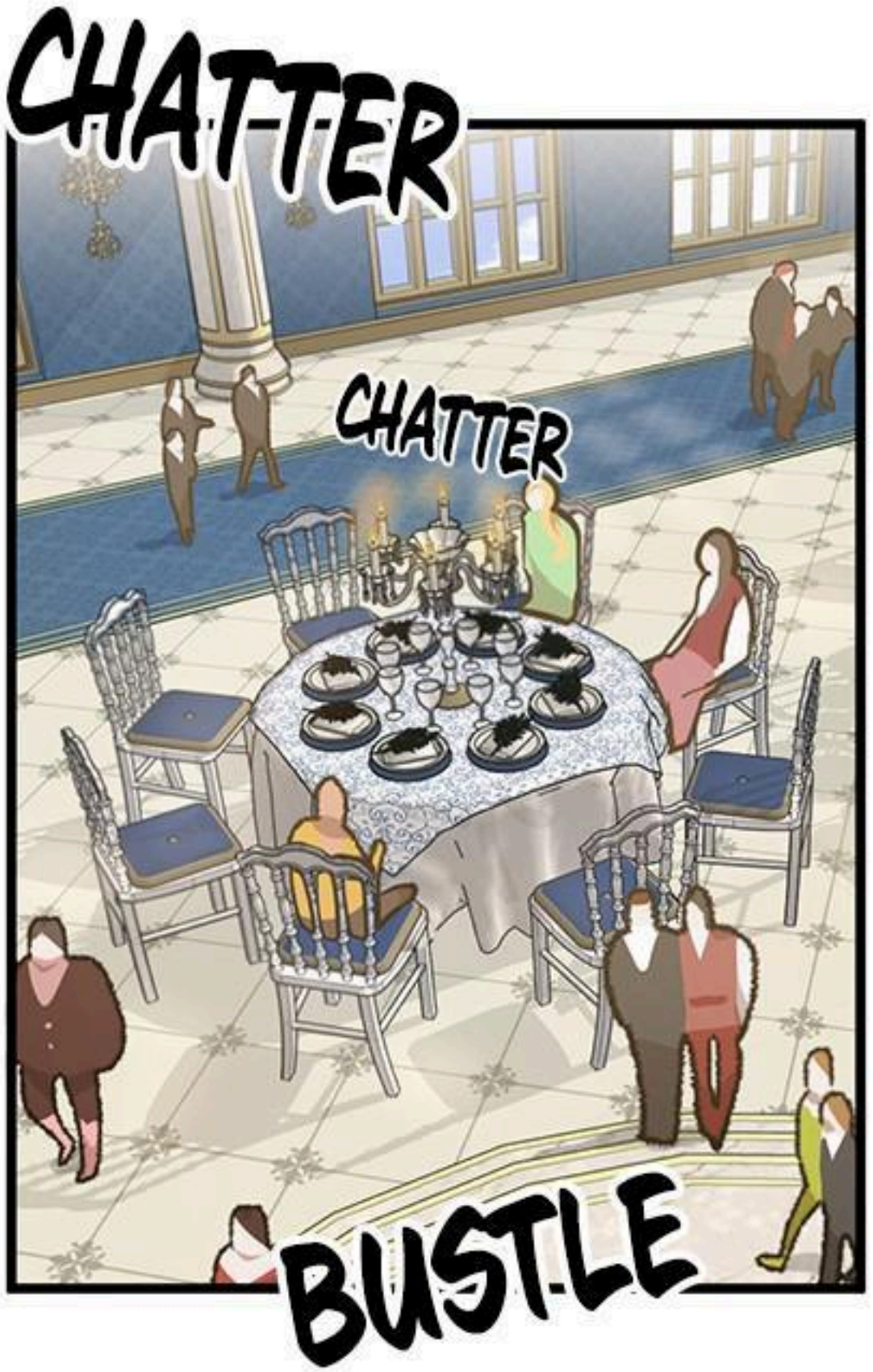


OKAY!

YOUNG MASTER,
I WILL SHOW YOU
TO THE BALLROOM AS
SOON AS YOU GET
DRESSED AS
WELL.






CHATTER
CHATTER
BUSTLE

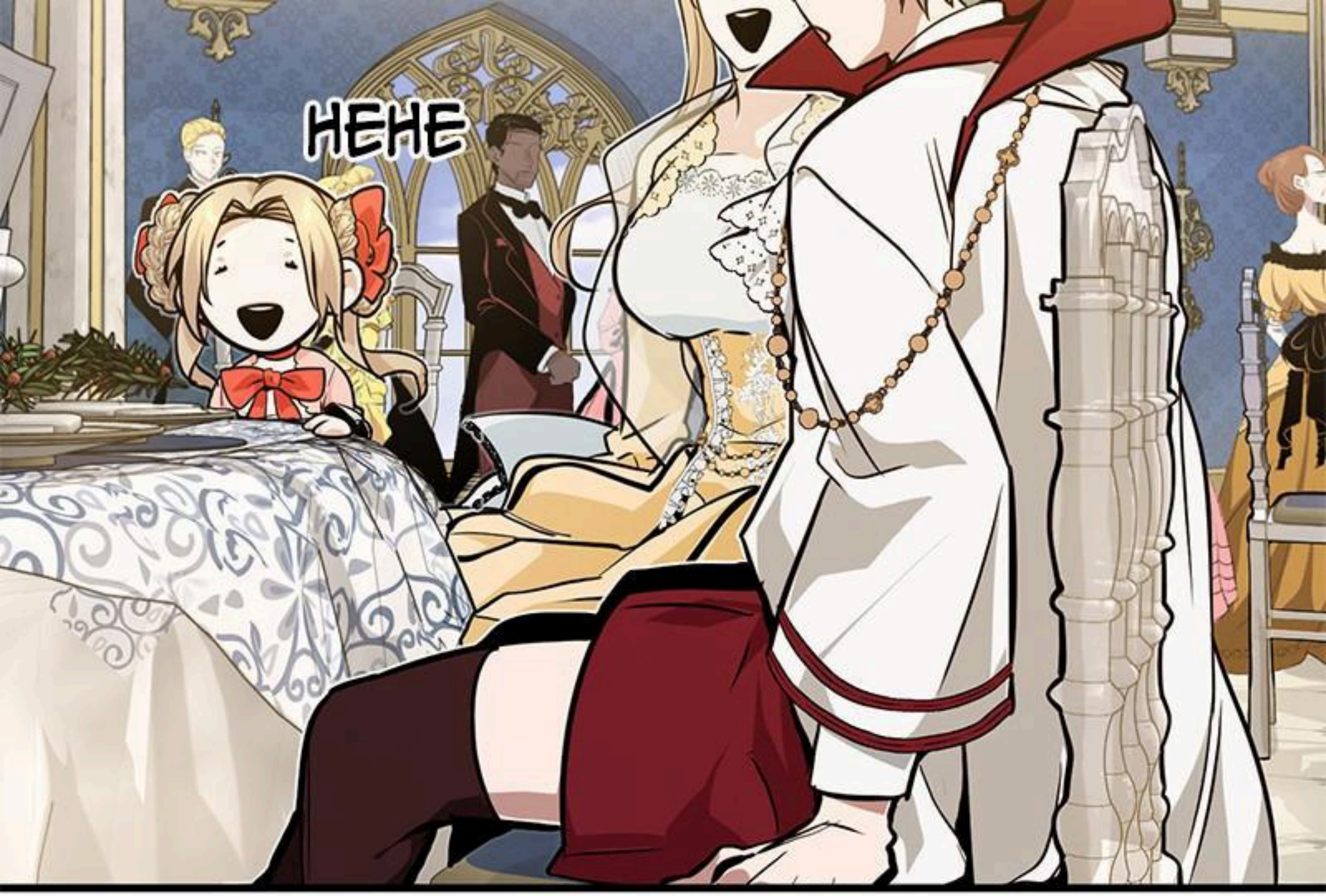
HMM. IS IT CUSTOMARY FOR NOBLES TO DECORATE THE BALLROOM THIS LAVISHLY?

BALLROOM OF EARL SIMON'S CASTLE

IS EARL SIMON INTO SUMPTUOUS STYLES SUCH AS THIS?

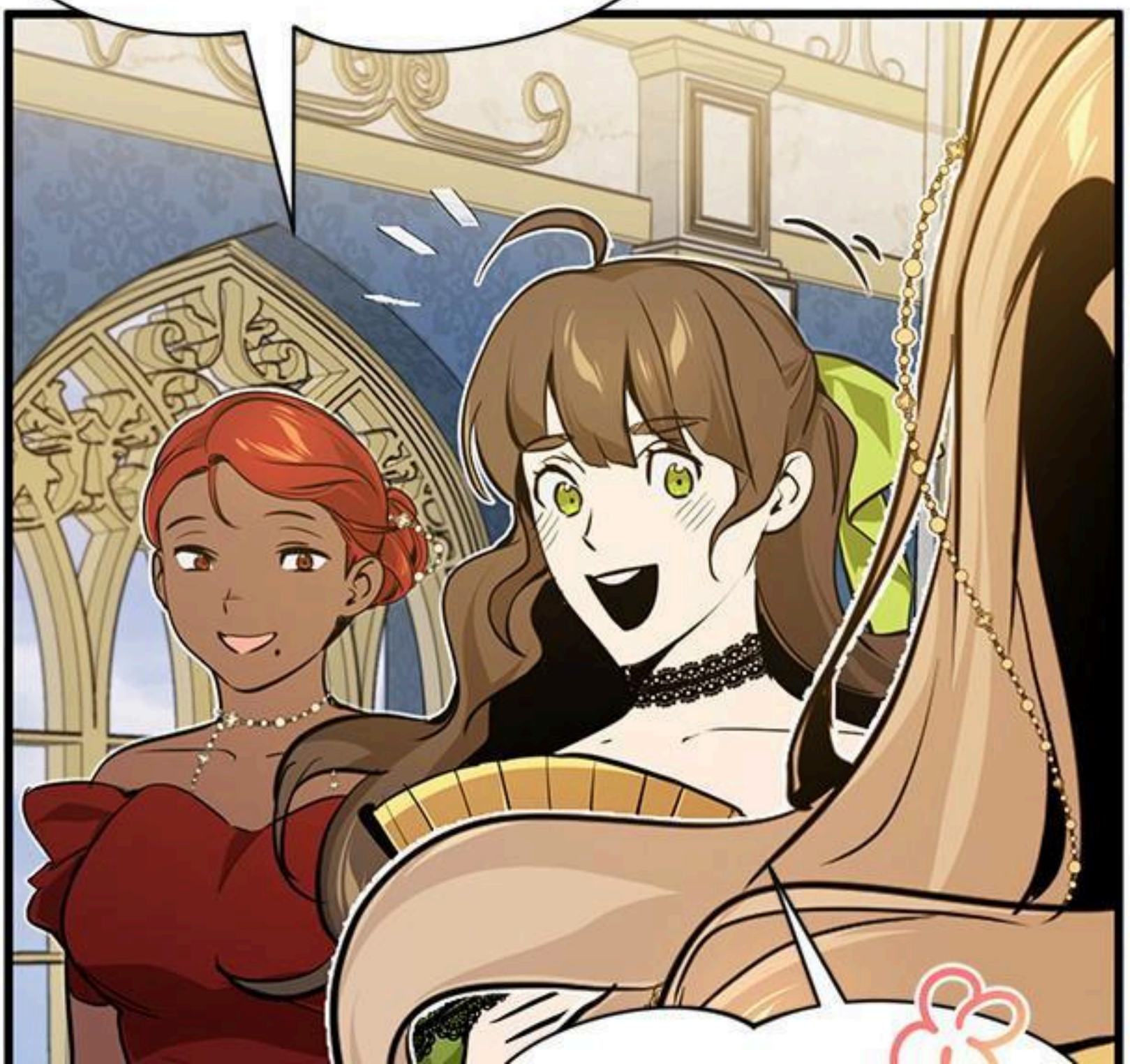
HE SURE IS. DON'T BE TOO ASTOUNDED WHEN YOU SEE HIM.

TAP


HEHE

OH MY!
LADY WELTON!

IT IS SO
LOVELY TO SEE YOU.
YOU ARE AS GORGEOUS
AS EVER, MY LADY.





JUST LOOK AT YOUR DRESS! AS EXPECTED OF THE LADY OF THE WELTON HOUSEHOLD!

THIS IS AN OUTER COAT WOVEN OF COTTON PRODUCED IN OUR ESTATE. WE'LL BE HONORED TO HAVE YOU PUT IT ON DURING WINTER.

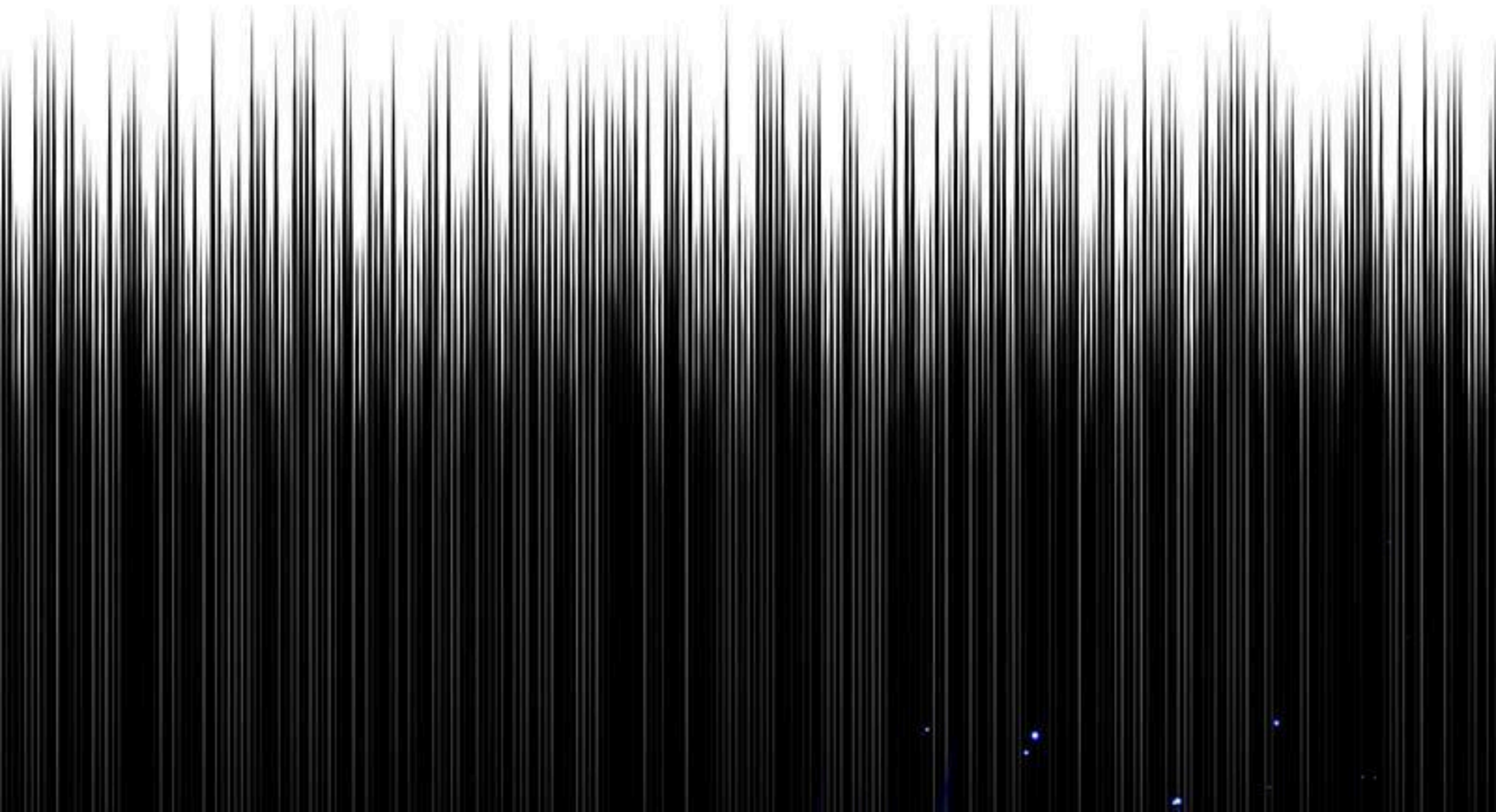
OH MY! HOW THOUGHTFUL OF YOU!

UNEASY

TRYING A LITTLE TOO HARD TO WIN THE FAVOR OF THE WELTON HOUSEHOLD, THEY ARE.

I AM WELL AWARE OF THESE TYPES.

THEY ARE THE
ONES THAT TRIED
SO HARD...





SHHH

...TO INGRATIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE



DESPICABLE.
MOTHER SURELY HAS
A STRONG STOMACH TO
DEAL WITH THE LIKES
OF THEM.

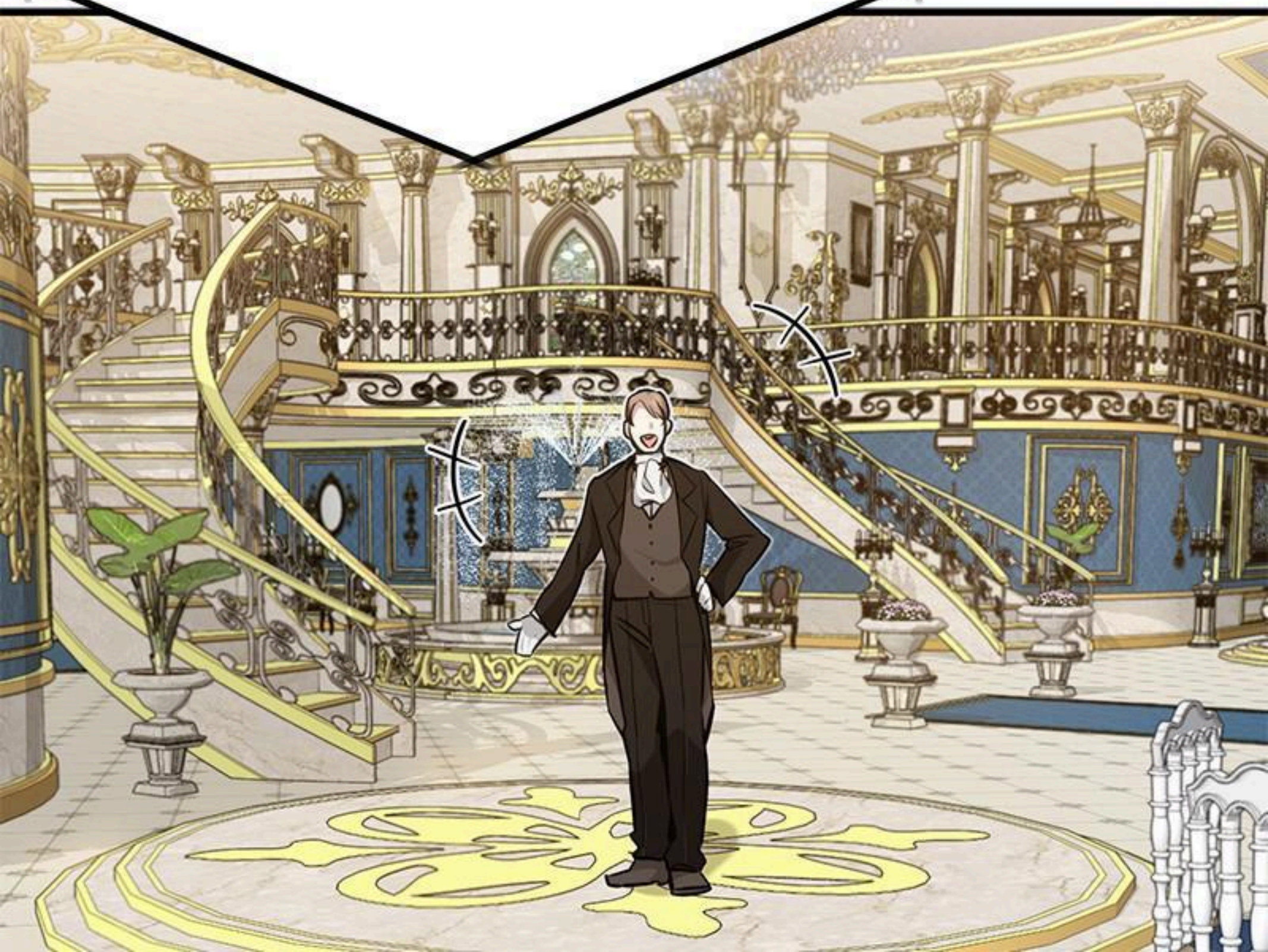
TURN

SIGH

AHEM.
CAN EVERYONE
HEAR ME?



THANK YOU ALL
FOR COMING, MOST WELCOME
NOBLE GUESTS, TO THE BALL
HOSTED BY THE SIMON
HOUSEHOLD.



I AM REOLE VAN HERR, A HUMBLE SERVANT IN CHARGE OF ADMINISTRATION DUTIES IN THE REEZEN ESTATE.





THE BALL IS
ABOUT TO OFFICIALLY
BEGIN. PLEASE BE SEATED

IN YOUR DESIGNATED SEATS...



...AND WELCOME

THE MEMBERS OF EARL SIMON'S FAMILY AS THEY MAKE THEIR APPEARANCES!

SWISH

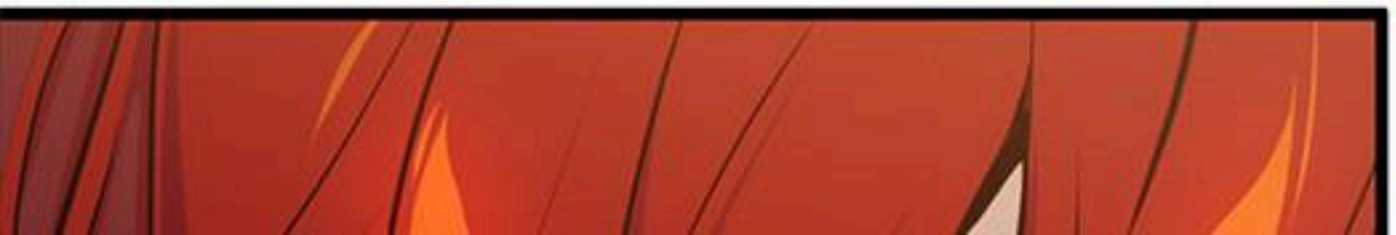




STEP

STEP

STEP






STEP

SHIVER

!

I WELCOME YOU, EVERYONE.



HE IS...

GULP



THANKS FOR COMING.

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR TIME HERE.



...SUPPOSEDLY
A RANK 7 MAGE?

STEP

STEP

PREPOSTEROUS!
HE IS AT THE LEVEL OF

MARQUESS RINMAL...
NO. MAYBE EVEN
STRONGER!

RED LOTUS MAGE,
HUH?

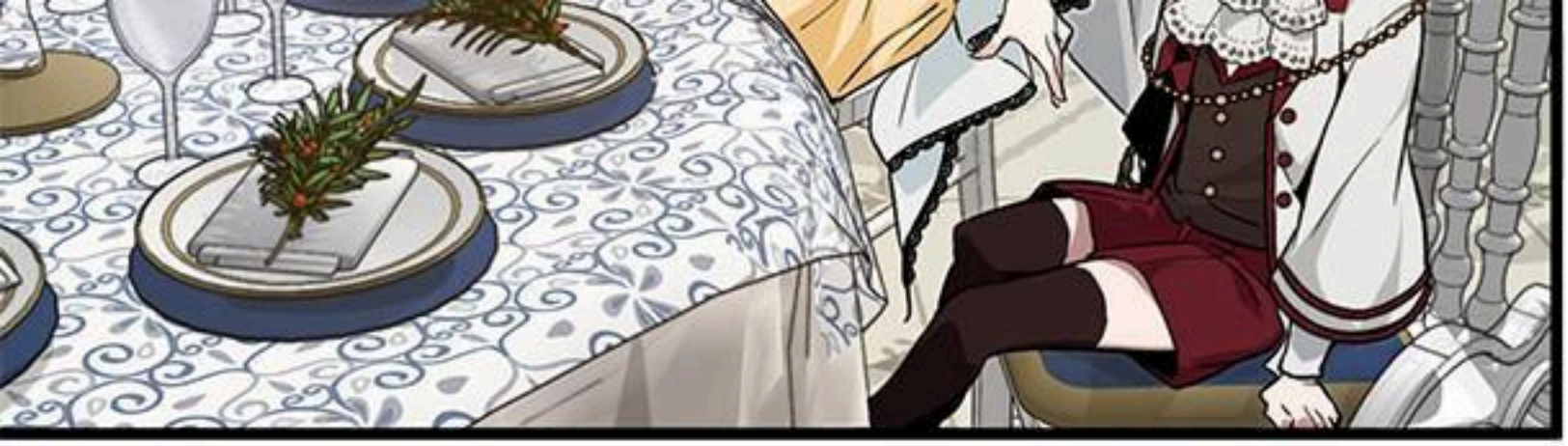
BETTER THAN EXPECTED.
THIS WILL BE FUN!

SMIRK

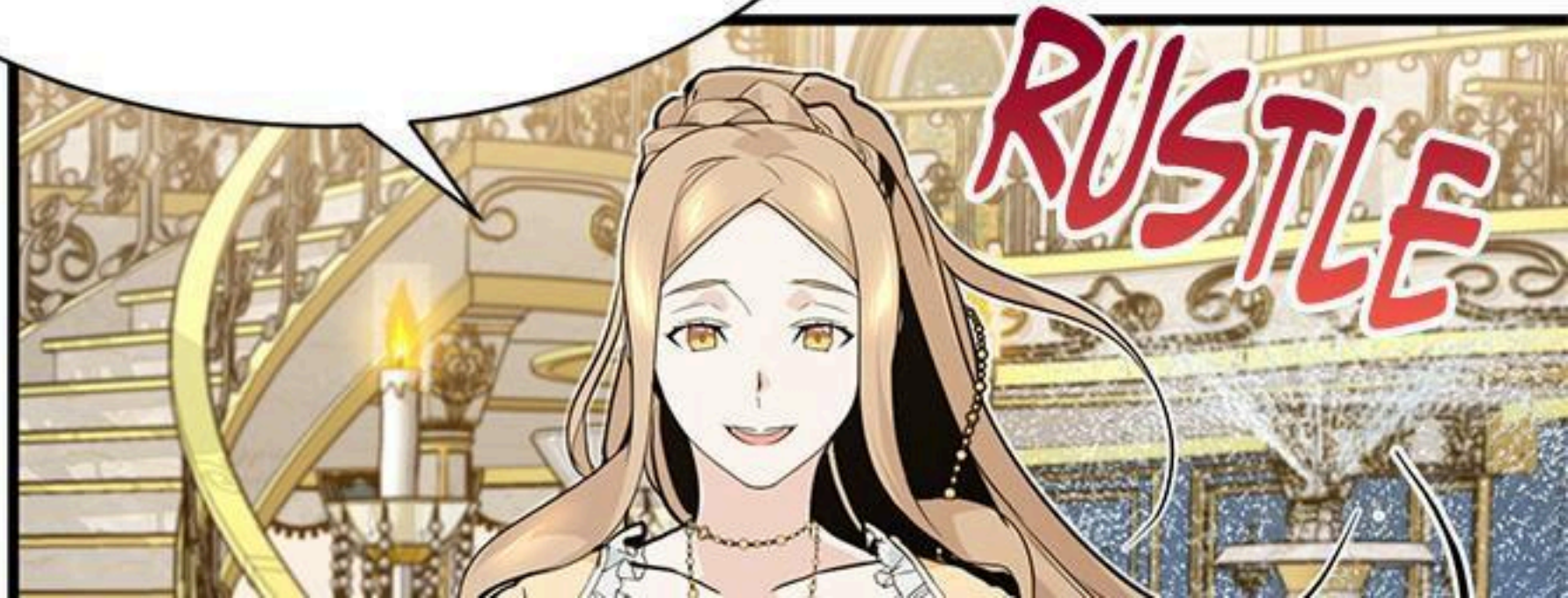
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, LADY WELTON.

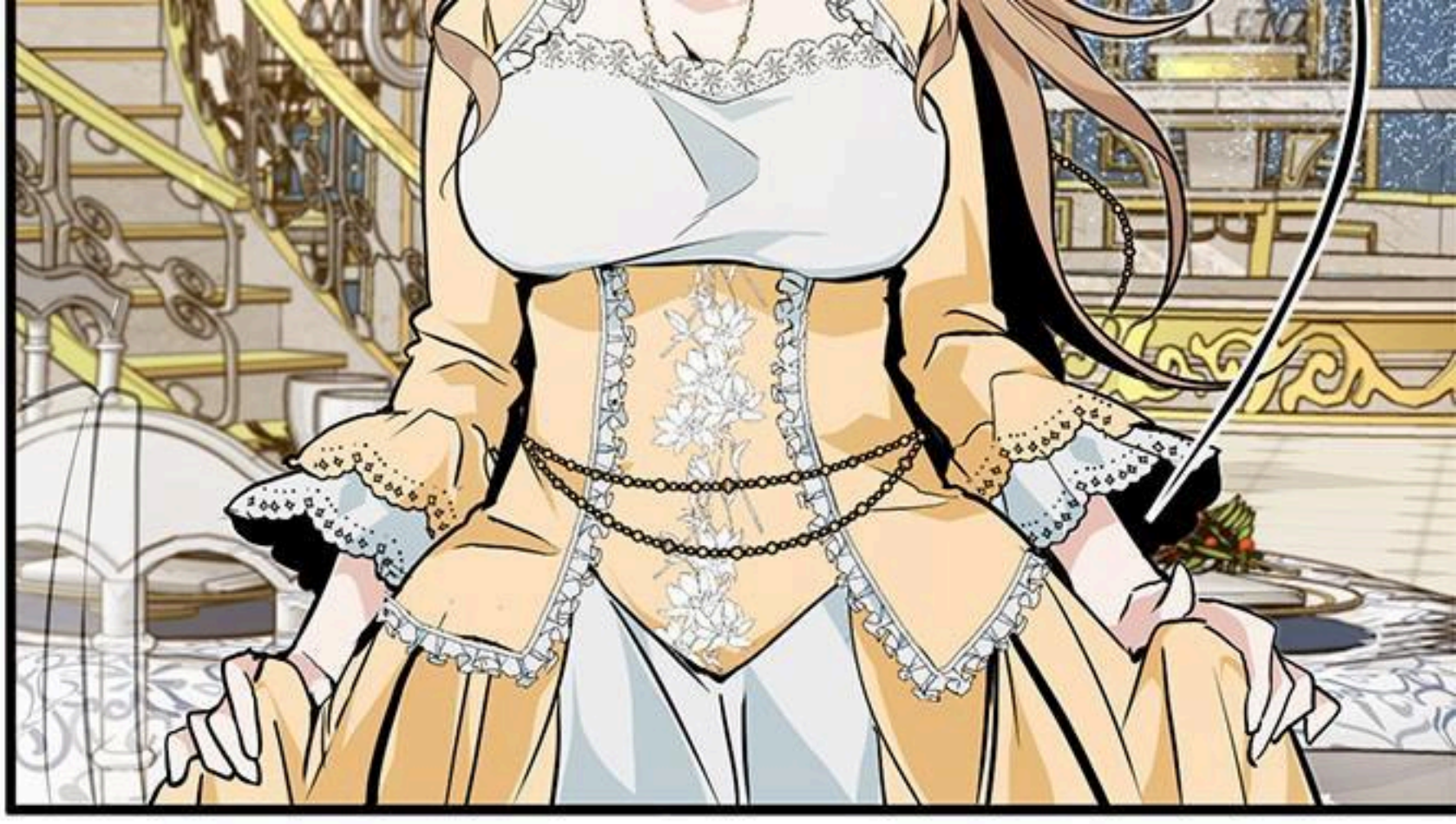
YOU LOOK EVEN BETTER THAN LAST YEAR.





YOU ARE TOO KIND. I FEEL MUCH MORE AT EASE, TO SEE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DOING WELL AS EVER.





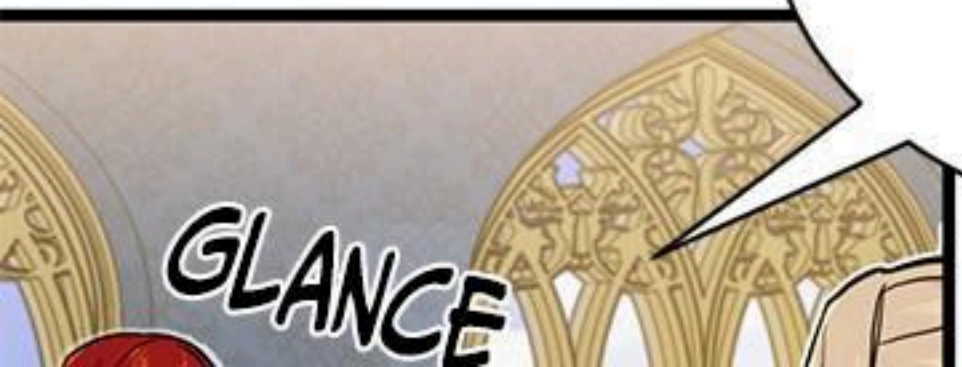
IS EARL

WELTON ABSENT THIS TIME?

SHHH

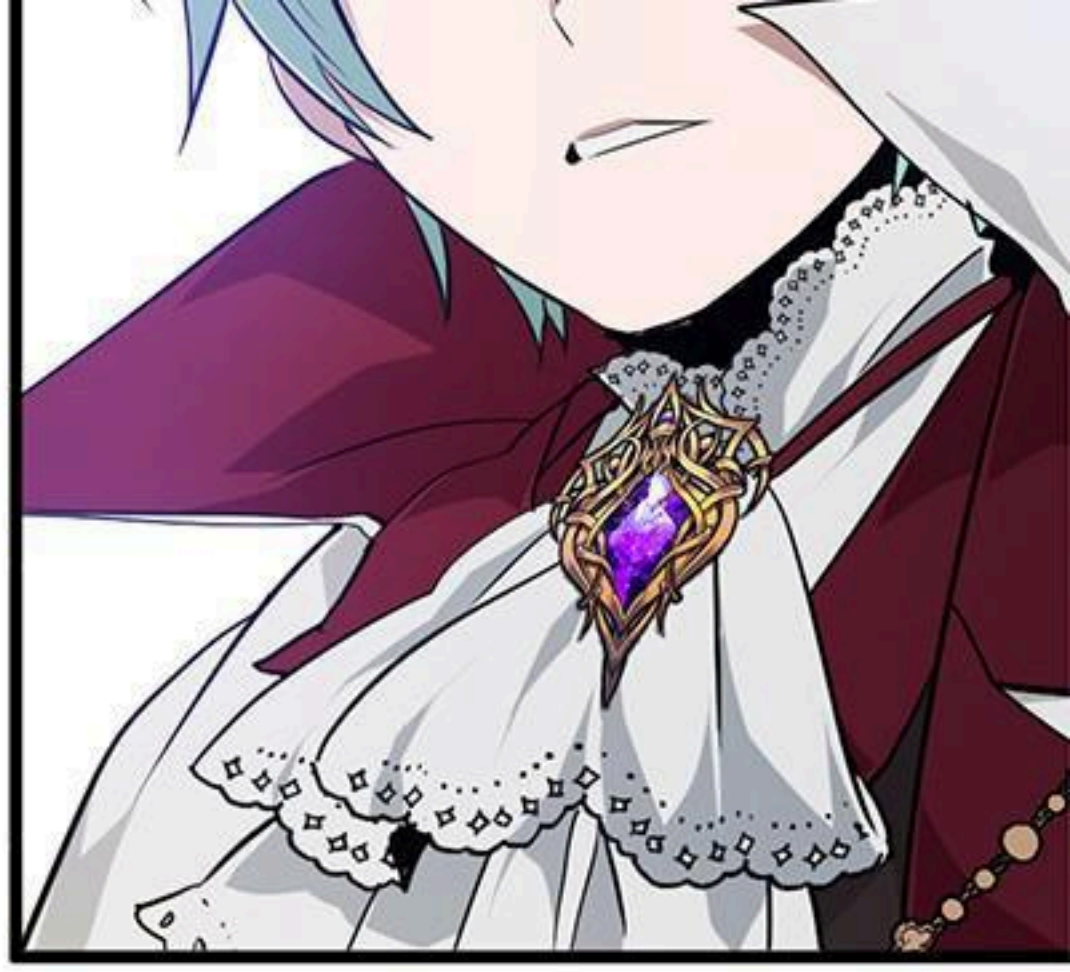
NO. HE SHOULD ARRIVE NO LATER THAN TONIGHT. HE HAD TO TAKE CARE OF SOME BUSINESS BACK AT THE ESTATE.

I SEE. IS THAT YOUR SON?



YES. THAT
IS MY SON, JAMIE
WELTON...






...AND MY DAUGHTER,
SARAH WELTON.

KIDS, WHY DON'T YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELVES?

I AM JAMIE WELTON, THE ELDEST SON OF THE WELTON HOUSEHOLD.

I AM SARAH.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.



OH MY!
YOU HAVE SUCH
BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN.



HAHA

THANK YOU.
THEY ARE BRIGHT
KIDS.

STARE

HAHA.
THEY LOOK
THE PART.

PSH

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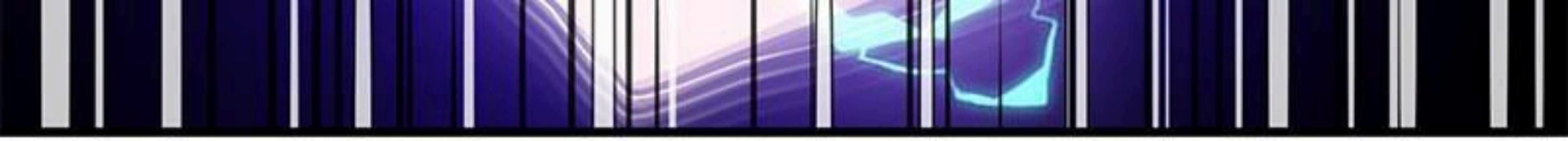


HMM. HE IS
ASSESSING ME FROM
HEAD TO TOE.

GRIN

BE MY GUEST,
THEN!


CLENCH




CHUCKLE

WAS IT JAMIE, NOW?

GRIN




YES, SIR.

WE SHOULD SPEAK LATER.

DA DUN



I'D BE HONORED.

SWISH



EARL SIMON...

HE IS BETTER THAN I ANTICIPATED.

SHHH

I CAN'T WAIT TO SPEAK WITH HIM!





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